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Dear Parents and Guardians,

All district boards of education must implement the New Jersey Student Learning Standards to “ensure students meet the expectations and proficiency standards as measured by current and future state and local assessments.” Per state law and regulations, all students in Grades 3-11 are to take state assessments.

New this year, the NJSLA test will be an adaptive assessment. The NJSLA Adaptive Test is New Jersey's new state standardized assessment for students in grades 3-12, starting with field testing in Fall 2025 and full implementation in Spring 2026. It's a computer-based assessment where question difficulty automatically adjusts based on a student's performance, providing a more personalized evaluation of their strengths and weaknesses. The NJSLA-Adaptive is replacing previous versions of the tests, with Cambium Assessment Inc. providing the new adaptive format.

In the Fall 2025, the NJSLA Adaptive Field Test pilot program, of the new version of the NJSLA tests in New Jersey, will be given. These new assessments will use computer software to adjust question difficulty in real-time, tailoring the test to each student's ability. The purpose of the field test is to evaluate and calibrate the test items and platforms, not to measure student achievement. All New Jersey school districts are required to participate in the field test this fall. Results of the Field Test will not be reported to students or schools. Full implementation of the new adaptive NJSLA and NJGPA assessments is planned for Spring 2026.

NJ Student Learning Adaptive Assessments - Fall Field Test

Subject	Grade Level	Testing Dates	Testing Times 2 Units per day unless noted
Reading/ Writing	4	May 4, 5	Two 60-minute units
Writing/Math	4	Math - May 6, 7,8	Two 60-minute units
Reading/ Writing	5	April 27, 28	Two 60-minute units
Writing/Math	5	April 29, 30, & May 1	Two 60-minute units
Reading/ Writing	6	May 4, 5	Two 60-minute units
Writing/Math	6	April 29, 30, & May 1	Two 60-minute units
Reading/ Writing	7	May 6, 7,8	Two 60-minute units

Writing/Math	7	Math - May 6, 7,8	Two 60-minute units
Reading/ Writing	8	April 27, 28	Two 60-minute units
Writing/Math/Alg	8	April 29, 30, & May 1	Two 60-minute units

Regular State Testing in the Maywood School District is scheduled to begin on **April 27, 2025..**
Please make every effort to avoid absences during testing. Please see the schedule below

NJ Student Learning Adaptive Assessments 2026

Subject	Grade Level	Testing Dates	Testing Times 1 Unit per day unless noted
English/Language Arts	3	May 11, 12	Two 75-minute units
Math	3	May 13, 14, 15	Three 60-minute units
English/Language Arts	4	May 4, 5	Two 90-minute units
Math	4	Math - May 6, 7,8	Three 60-minute units
English/Language Arts	5	April 27, 28	Two 90-minute units
Math	5	April 29, 30, & May 1	Three 60-minute units
Science	5	May 11, 12, 13, 14	Four 45-minute units
English/Language Arts	6	May 4, 5	Two 90-minute units
Math	6	April 29, 30, & May 1	Three 60-minute units
English/Language Arts	7	May 6, 7,8	Two 90-minute units
Math	7	Math - May 6, 7,8	Three 60-minute units
ELA	8	April 27, 28	Two 90-minute units
Math	8	April 29, 30, & May 1	Three 60-minute units
Algebra (for those in that course)	8	April 30 & May 1	Two 90-minute units
Science	8	May 4, 5 (6,7 if needed)	Four 45-minute units *(Two units per day)

The NJSLA assessments will provide information about your child's academic progress. The state assessment will culminate in detailed diagnostic information about each student's performance that educators, parents, and students can utilize to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement. This information is used to identify specific areas of difficulty and to customize instruction accordingly.

You can help your child do their best with the following information:

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time.
- Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends school on testing dates. Students who are absent at any time during NJSLA week will be scheduled for a NJSLA make-up session.
- Please do not pick up your child while testing is in session. This assists in limiting the number of students who will miss classes. Make-up tests and removals distract the testing room.
- Please remind your child that he/she is not permitted to have a cell phone or any other electronic device in the testing site. Students who use any electronic device during testing will have that section of the test voided and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.
- Please remind your child to arrive with their Chromebook fully charged and (corded) headphones. Headphones/earbuds that connect through wifi are not permitted for state testing.

There are many resources available to help families understand the assessment. Please see the [New Jersey Assessment Resource Center](#) provided by the State of New Jersey Department of Education for information regarding the standards tested and test preparation.

Please direct any questions that you may have to the following people.

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