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Memorandum

TO: **Paterson Public Schools Parents and Guardians**

FROM: Luis Valentin, Director of Assessment

Date: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: **Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments**

This memorandum is being sent to comply with state statute (N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6) that requires that school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects, provide parents and guardians with information regarding any state assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

It is very important to note that all students may not be administered all assessments. If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations as per their 504 or IEP, parent/ guardians should contact their guidance office/special services for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options. Students with severe cognitive disabilities may be assigned to take the DLM assessments as prescribed by their IEP team (http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/accommodations/).

The list on the following page outlines the assessments that the Paterson School District administers:

2026-2027 Standardized Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Requirement	Information about Available Accomodations and Accessibility Features	Information for Parents , Guardians Regarding the Assessment
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	Reading, Writing, & Math	10 & 11	Computer Administration	134 min	October 7, 2026	December	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	Reading, Writing, & Math	12	Computer Administration	134 min	October 7, 2026	December	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessement Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive)	ELA & Math	12 (for identified students)	Computer/Paper Administration	ELA-R: 150 min ELA-W - 90 min Math: 150 min	October 19, 2026 - October 23, 2026	December/January	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
Seal of Biliteracy	ELA & World Language	12	Computer/Paper Administration	Based on Student Needs	January 20, 2027 - January 22, 2027	June	State	https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml	https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Math, Reading, Civics, US History (Selected Schools - TBD)	4 & 8	Computer Administration	90 - 240 min	January 25, 2027 - March 12, 2027	Not Applicable	Federal/State	https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx	https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/
ACCESS for English Language Learners(ELL) / Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	Computer/Paper Administration	265 min	February 1, 2027 - March 19, 2027	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/accessibility	https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessement Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive)	ELA & Math	11	Computer/Paper Administration	ELA-R: 150 min ELA-W - 90 min Math: 150 min	March 1, 2027 - March 5, 2027	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	Reading, Writing, & Math	11	Computer Administration	134 min	March 23, 2027	April	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)	ELA & Math	3 -8, and 11	Computer Administration	Based on Student Needs	April 5, 2027 - May 27, 2027	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/dlm-assessments#parents
Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)	Science	5,8, and 11	Computer Administration	Based on Student Needs	April 5, 2027 - May 27, 2027	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/dlm-assessments#parents
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive)	ELA & Math	9	Computer Administration	ELA-R: 150 min ELA-W - 90 min Math: 150 min	April 26, 2027 - April 30, 2027	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	Science	11	Computer/Paper Administration	240 min	April 26, 2027 - April 30, 2027	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive)	ELA & Math	3-8	Computer Administration	ELA-R: 150 min ELA-W - 90 min Math: 150 min	May 3, 2027 - May 6, 2027	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	Science	5 & 8	Computer/Paper Administration	180 min	May 10, 2027 - May 11, 2027	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/adaptive/faq.shtml	https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html
Advanced Placement (AP)	Various	10-12	Computer/Paper Administration	up to 180 min	May 3, 2026 - May 14, 2026	Approx. Summer	N/A	https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-accommodations	https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/advanced-placement-program
Gold Collections	Various	Pre K	Paper Administration	N/A - Performance Based	Ongoing	Approx. Summer	State	https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/assess/gold/	https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/assess/gold/
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Various	12	Computer/Paper Administration	180 min	School-Based Administration Windows	Approx. 2 weeks after administration	N/A	https://www.asvabprogram.com/pdf/Testing_FAQ.pdf	https://www.asvabprogram.com/parents-information