

Carteret Public Schools

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Date: September 21, 2026

To: Carteret Public School District Parents/Guardians

Re: 2026-2027 District Assessment Memo

New Jersey school districts are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 of any statewide student assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. If after October 1, it is decided that an additional commercially-developed standardized assessment will be administered, then the information shall be shared with parents as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments). The district is committed to meeting the educational needs of all of our students, and local and state assessment data are essential to identifying the strengths and weaknesses of each student, which enables the district to differentiate instruction.

The New Jersey Department of Education has changed assessment providers and has mandated a field test for all students in grades 4-12 in fall 2026. This test will be included in the assessment calendar below. The results of this assessment will not be shared with school districts or the public, as this field test will be used to support spring state assessments.

The schedule is subject to change throughout the year. If specific details are not yet available, “To Be Determined” (“TBD”) will be used until the dates are finalized. You are encouraged to check the school website, www.carteretschools.org, for the most current assessment schedule.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s principal.

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Key:

- Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features refers to the manual that outlines the accommodations and accessibility options available for the test.
- Required by State, Federal, or Local: whether the assessment is required or mandated by state, federal, or local district.
- Sample Questions provides a link to sample items/questions for students to practice.
- Testing Time Allotted per Student is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- Testing Window is the period of time in which districts administer the assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please ask your district about the exact testing dates.

Results Available refers to the date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment. These results should be distributed to students, educators, and families as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments).

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Carteret Public School District Assessment Schedule 2026-2027

Assessment	Subject Area	Grade Level	Req.	# of Tests	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Parent Resources
New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment	ELA & Math	Grade 12	State and federal	1	Computer based with paper based option for students with disabilities	90 minutes per subject assessment	Oct 19-20, 2026 Make-ups: Oct 21-23, 2026	TBD	<u>Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</u>	For more information please visit the <u>Office of Assessments website</u>
PSAT & SAT	ELA & Math	Gr 9-12		1	Paper	<u>Based on test</u>	October 29, 2026	TBD		For more information <u>College Board - SAT, AP, College Search and Admission Tools</u>

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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ELA Math Science	3-8, 11	State and federal	1	Computer Based	Individually scheduled per student.	April 5-May 28, 2027	TBD	DLM Accessibility Manual	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments website
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive (NJSLA) English Language Arts (ELA)/ Mathematics Regular Spring Administration	ELA & Math	ELA Gr 3-9; Math Gr 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	State and federal	1	Computer based with paper based option for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	April 20-May 21, 2027	TBD	Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments website
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grades 5,8, and 11	State and federal	1	Computer based with paper based option for	Science: Grades 5 & 8:	Gr 5: April 20-May 21, 2027 Gr 8: April 20-May 21, 2027	TBD	Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	For more information please visit the Office of

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					students with disabilities	Four 45 minute units, Total 180 minutes Grade 11: Four 60 minute units, Total 240 minutes	Gr 11: April 20-May 21, 2027			Assessments website
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)	ELA & Math	11	State	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Two 90-minute units, Total time 180 minutes per subject	March 1-19, 2027 Make-ups: March 1-19, 2027	TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments website
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ACCESS FOR ELLs Testing DISTRICT	Eng. Lang. Prof. Test	K-12	State and federal	1	Paper: Grade K (and by request) Online: Grades 1 through 12 (Writing portion is paper Grades 1 through 3)	No time limit	Feb 1-Apr 2, 2027	TBD	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	Parent Handbook
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	ELA & Math	Gr 4 Nathan Hale	Federal	1	Computer based testing	TBD	January 25-March 12, 2027	TBD		NAEP Resources
LinkIt NJGPA Benchmark Assessment	ELA & Math	11	Local	2	Computer based testing	60 minutes	Fall September 15-18 Winter January 11-14	1 week after testing window		LinkIt Parent Resources

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IXL & Inform Diagnostic Assessment	ELA & Math	3-8	Local	3	Computer based testing	60 minutes	Fall September 15-18 Winter January 5-8 Spring April 12-15	1 week after testing window		IXL Parent Resources
Innovamat CONMAT (Math)	Math	1-6	Lo cal	3	Computer based testing	60 minutes	Fall September 10-11 Winter January 13-14 Spring April 14-15	1 week after testing window		
mClass/Lectura	ELA	K- only Winter & Spring Gr 1-4	Local	3	Computer based testing	30 minutes	Fall September 8-19 Winter January 6-14 Spring May 24-27	1 week after testing window		