

Andover Regional School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back! Attached please find the Andover Regional State Assessment Information for the 2026-2027 school year. These assessments help collect data to develop targeted instructional practices and ensure our current curriculum meets our students' needs. Below you will find a key to explain the different columns in the attached table.

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** is 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 inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **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).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at jreynolds@andoverregional.org or 973-315-5255 x-405.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Reynolds

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Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

2026-2027 Parental Notification of State Testing

Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Sample Questions	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
ELA	K-5	Limited accommodations are available to use with those who require them	State and Local	N/A	Approx. 10 min	September January May	TBD	Parent Guide

STAR Reading and STAR Math

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Sample Questions	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
ELA Math	2-8	Accommodations are provided for students who qualify	Local	N/A	Approximately 30 min per content area	September January May	TBD	Parent Guide

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Required by State, Federal, or Local	Sample Questions	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
English language proficiency test	ACCESS: K–8 Alt. ACCESS: K–8	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	State and Federal	ACCESS Practice Test and Sample Items	No time limit.	February 1, 2027 through April 2, 2027	TBD	Parent Handout (Provided in different languages.)

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model

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ELA Math Science	ELA and Math: 3 through 8 Science: 5, 8	DLM Accessibility Manual	State and Federal	DLM YE Sample Testlets	n/a	April 5, 2027 through May 28, 2027	TBD	New Jersey DLM webpage

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive) & Science (NJSLA-S)

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ELA Math	3 through 8	Information forthcoming on New Jersey Assessments Portal	State and Federal	NJSLA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items	TBD	April 19, 2027 through May 21, 2027	TBD	NJSLA-Adaptive Students & Families webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Portal