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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with state statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) all school districts in New Jersey are required to provide parents or guardians by October 1 information pertaining to any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. The Perth Amboy Public School District administers a wide variety of state mandated and commercially developed assessments to the students. If after October 1 it is decided that an additional commercially developed standardized assessment will be administered, the Office of School Counseling and Related Services will notify you.

Please see the enclosed chart of state and commercially developed assessments that shall be administered to students during the 2026-2027 academic year. The chart contains the following information for each assessment:

- Subject Area and Grade Level Tested,
- Information regarding Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features, as detailed in the manual outlining the accommodations and accessibility options for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) or Section 504 plans,
- Whether the assessment is mandated by state, federal, or local district requirements,
- Sample Questions with a provided link to sample items/questions to aid students in practice,
- The maximum allotted time for assessment completion, with the note that most students finish well within the designated time frame,
- Testing Window, indicating the period in which the district will administer the assessment. Precise testing dates will be communicated by the building Principal,
- Results release dates, which will be conveyed by the building Principal upon receipt of information from the New Jersey Department of Education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to visit the attached links or contact your child's building Principal.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Katelyn Tivald

Director of School Counseling & Related Services

2026-2027 Standardized Assessments

Assessment	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 and Guardians Regarding the Assessment
New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) Fall	ELA Math	11 and 12 Note: Students in grade 12 and students repeating grade 11 may take the NJGPA if needed to meet the State graduation assessment requirement.	Information forthcoming on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/)	State	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)	Two 90-minute units. Total time 180 minutes per subject.	10/13/26 to 10/28/26	TBD by NJDOE	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Students & Families webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	ACCESS: K–12 Alt. ACCESS: 1–12	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations (https://wida.wisc.edu/sites/default/files/resource/Accessibility-Accommodations-Manual.pdf)	State and Federal	ACCESS preparing students: practice (https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access/preparing-students/practice)	No time limit.	2/1/27 to 4/2/27	TBD by NJDOE	Parent Handout (https://wida.wisc.edu/sites/default/files/resource/ACCESS-Parent-Handout-English.pdf)
New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive) Spring	ELA Math	Grade 11 and 12 Note: Students in grade 12 and students repeating grade 11 may take the NJGPA if needed to meet the State graduation assessment requirement.	Information forthcoming on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/)	State	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)	TBD by NJDOE.	3/1/27 to 3/19/27	TBD by NJDOE	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Students & Families webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model	ELA Math Science	3 – 8 11	DLM Accessibility Manual (https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/Manuals_BLueprints/Accessibility_Manual.pdf)	State and Federal	DLM released testlets (https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/released-testlets)		4/5/27 to 5/28/27	TBD by NJDOE	New Jersey DLM webpage (https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey)

NJSLA-Adaptive-ELA and Math Spring	ELA Math	ELA: 3 through 9 Math: 3 through high school (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II as needed based on accountability requirements)	Information forthcoming on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/)	State and Federal	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)	TBD by NJDOE	4/19/27 to 5/21/27	TBD by NJDOE	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Students & Families webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)
NJSLA-Science	Science	5 8 11	Information forthcoming on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/)	State and Federal	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours. Grade 11: Four 60-minute units for a total of four hours.	4/19/27 to 5/21/27	TBD by NJDOE	NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Students & Families webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Portal (https://nj.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html)
PSAT (NMSQT)	Reading Math	10 -11	Accommodations on College Board Exams (https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/)	Local	Preparing for the PSAT/NMSQT (https://sat.suite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing)	Available at: Unit Testing Times (https://sat.suite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/whats-on-the-test/structure)	10/21/26	4-6 weeks after test Administration	Parents Guide to the PSAT/NMSQT (https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-nmsqt)
PSAT9	Reading Math	9	Accommodations on College Board Exams (https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/)	Local	Preparing for the PSAT 8/9 (https://sat.suite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/preparing)	Available at: Unit Testing Times (https://sat.suite.collegeboard.org/psat-8-9/whats-on-the-test/structure)	4/12/27	4-6 weeks after test Administration	All About the PSAT 8/9 (https://blog.collegeboard.org/parents-guide-psat-8-9)

SAT School Day	Reading Math	12 11	Accommodations on College Board Exams (https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/)	Local	SAT Practice and Preparation (https://sat suite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation)	Available at: Unit Testing Times (https://sat suite.collegeboard.org/sat/whats-on-the-test/structure)	10/21/26 4/12/27	4-6 weeks after test Administration	Resources for Parents (https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/sat/practice-preparation/resources-parents)
iReady Diagnostic	Reading Math	K-8		Local		50-90 minutes per subject area	9/14/26 to 10/19/26 1/11/27 to 1/22/27 4/12/27 to 4/23/27	One day after testing window	i-Ready Family Center (https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/)
COGAT	Verbal Non-Verbal Quantitative	2	Testing Accommodations (https://blog.riversideinsights.com/cogat-key-features-advance-equity)	Local		Approximately 90 minutes	1/26/27 to 2/2/27	One day after testing window	Resources for Parents (https://blog.riversideinsights.com/parents-guide-ability-learning)
Benchmark Assessment System (BAS)	Reading	K-4		Local		Approximately 15 minutes	9/29/26 to 11/24/26 4/26/27 to 5/28/27	One day after testing window	BAS FAQ (https://www.fountasandpinnell.com/faqs/assessment)
SEL Screener	Social-Emotional Learning	K-5		Local		Approximately 8 minutes	10/5/26 to 10/19/26	One day after testing window	Resonant Education (https://www.resonanteducation.com/student-wellbeing-and-social-emotional-health-ssis-2)
Early Screening Inventory, 3rd Edition (ESI-3)	Visual, Cognitive, Fine Motor, Language/ Cognition, Gross Motor	All incoming preschoolers		State		No time limit.	10/1/2026 - 10/30/26; ongoing for children who enter after 10/30	11/13/26	ESI-3 (https://www.pearsonassessments.com/store/usassessments/en/Store/Professional-Assessments/Developmental-Early-Childhood/The-Early-Screening-Inventory-%7C-Third-Edition/p/100001986.html?tab=resources)

KEA Screener	Visual, Cognitive, Fine Motor, Language/ Cognition, Gross Motor, Social Emotional	All incoming kindergartners		State		No time limit.	ESI-3 Portion: 9/14/2026 - 9/25/2026 SEL Portion: 10/5/2026 - 10/19/2026	11/13/26	ESI-3 (https://www.pearsonassessments.com/store/usassessments/en/Store/Professional-Assessments/Developmental-Early-Childhood/The-Early-Screening-Inventory-%7C-Third-Edition/p/100001986.html?tab=resources) Resonant Education (https://www.resonanteducation.com/student-wellbeing-and-social-emotional-health-ssis-2)
Advanced Placement Exams	Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, World Languages, Visual and Performing Arts	10-12	Accommodations on College Board Exams (https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/) 	Local	Practice for the AP Exams (https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/ap-exams-what-to-know/practice-for-exams) 	2-3 hours	5/3/2027-5/14/2027	TBD	Parent Resource: Understanding AP (https://blog.collegeboard.org/parent-resource-understanding-ap)

