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Dear MPTCS Families and Stakeholders,

In accordance with New Jersey law (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6), Marion P. Thomas Charter School (MPTCS) provides families with annual notification and information about the major state-required and district-selected assessments. These assessments help educators and families understand student achievement and growth, monitor progress toward grade-level standards, identify areas for support or enrichment, and inform instructional decisions.

The [2026–2027 District Assessment Calendar](#) includes the following assessments administered across our four MPTCS campuses.

State-Required Assessments

- **WIDA ACCESS:** Measures English language proficiency and growth for multilingual learners.
- **NJSLA-Adaptive (NJSLA-A):** Measures student performance in English language arts and mathematics against the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).
- **NJSLA-Science (NJSLA-S):** Measures student knowledge and application of the NJSLS for science.
- **NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A):** Measures proficiency in English language arts and mathematics as part of New Jersey's graduation assessment requirements.

District Benchmark & Screening Assessments

- **i-Ready Inform and IXL Assessments:** Identify students' current skill levels, strengths, and areas for growth to inform instruction.
- **Universal Literacy Screener:** Measures foundational reading skills and identifies students who may benefit from additional literacy support.
- **LinkIt! NJSLA Benchmarks:** Monitor progress toward grade-level standards and readiness for statewide assessments.

College Readiness Assessments

- **PSAT/NMSQT:** Measures college readiness, prepares students for the SAT; may provide access to scholarship opportunities.
- **SAT:** Measures college readiness in reading, writing, and mathematics; may be used in college admissions.
- **Advanced Placement (AP) Exams:** Measure mastery of college-level AP course content and may provide opportunities for college credit or advanced placement.

Families are encouraged to review the [2026–2027 District Assessment Calendar](#) for assessment dates and testing windows. Schools will provide additional information about specific assessments and student results throughout the year.

If you have questions about an assessment your child will take, please contact your child's campus leadership team. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting the academic success of every MPTCS scholar.

Sincerely,

John Gamble

Director of K–8 Mathematics & Testing