

MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP School District



September 1, 2026

Dear Millstone families,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we work together to support your child's academic growth, clear communication is essential. To that end, we want to inform you that our district's K-8 Assessment Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year is now available on our school's website and [HERE](#).

Assessments play a vital role in our curriculum. They provide valuable data that helps us understand each student's strengths and areas for growth, allowing our teachers to tailor instruction to meet their specific needs. They also help us evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and make informed decisions for the entire district.

We encourage you to review the calendar to see the schedule for all district, state, and national assessments. Knowing these dates in advance will help you support your child and ensure they are well-prepared.

Building on last year's transition, our students in grades 3–8 will once again participate in the NJSLA Adaptive assessment for ELA and Math. Because this adaptive format tailors question difficulty to each student in real time, it continues to provide us with a clearer, more precise measure of their learning and growth. We look forward to sharing more details and helpful resources as our testing window approaches.

If you have any questions about the assessments or the calendar, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school. We are committed to a successful partnership and look forward to a productive school year.

Sincerely,

Dr. Paul Baker
Director of Curriculum and Instruction

2026-2027 Assessment Calendar (Updated 8/3/2026)

Assessment Name & Subject Area	Grade Levels Tested	Administration Date(s) (Subject to Change)	Duration & Testing Mode	Requirement Source	Results Available
LinkIt Benchmark (ELA, Math, Science*) *Grades 3-8 **Note- not all LinkIt benchmark windows offer Science assessment	Grades 2-8	Fall: Sept.14-Oct.2, 2026 Winter: January 11-22, 2027 Spring: May 24-June 9, 2027	Varies by Grade & Content Computer-based	District	Upon completion of the testing window Results posted in LinkIt Parent Portal
mClass - DIBELS Universal literacy screener, dyslexia screener, progress monitoring	Grades K-5	Fall: Sept.14-Oct.2, 2026 Winter: January 11-22, 2027 Spring: May 17 - June 4, 2027	15-20 Minutes per student depending on the grade level and the time of year Computer-based	State/District	Results posted in LinkIt Parent Portal & email through Genesis
mClass - Math Universal math screener	Grades K-5	Fall: Sept.14-Oct.2, 2026 Winter: January 11-22, 2027 Spring: May 17 - June 4, 2027	15-20 Minutes per student depending on the grade level and the time of year Computer-based	District	Results posted in LinkIt Parent Portal & email through Genesis
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Multilingual Learners Grades K-8	March 1, 2026 - March 19, 2027	Varied - No time limit	State/Federal	Summer 2025
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) - ELA, Math & Science	Grades 3-8 (Based on IEP)	April 5, 2027 - May 28, 2027	Varies by Grade & Content Computer-based	State/Federal	Fall 2025

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Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) - Problem Solving and Reasoning	Grade 2	April 26, 2027 - May 24, 2027	90 minutes, 3 sessions Computer-based	District	Spring 2027 Scores sent home & posted in LinkIt
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) - Science (Family Resources)	Grades 5 & 8	May 3, 2027 - May 4, 2027	180 Minutes Computer-based	State/Federal	Fall 2027
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - ADAPTIVE (NJSLA-A) English-Language Arts & Math (Family Resources)	Grades 3-8	Math May 5, 2027 (Grades 3-8) May 6, 2027 (Grades 3-5) Writing May 7, 2027 (Grades 3-8) Reading May 11, 2027 (Grades 3-8) May 12, 2027 (Grades 3-5) <i>*Dates may be adjusted depending on updates from NJDOE throughout the year.</i>	Math: 2x 75-min. Sessions (MS- 1 day, ES- 2 days) Writing: 90 min - 1 Session Reading: 2x 75-min. Sessions (MS- 1 day, ES- 2 days) Computer-based	State/Federal	Fall 2027
End of Year Math Placement Assessments	Grades 3-7	June 2027	Varied Paper & Pencil	District	Summer 2027