

TOTOWA BOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As the new school year starts, I would like to provide an update on the New Jersey State Testing. As you know the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in ELA, math, and science were canceled last year due to the pandemic. Currently we are waiting on additional information as to when the assessments will take place determined by the state testing windows. As information becomes available we will be contacting all parents to inform them of how the district will proceed to meet the state requirements. Attached to this letter is an outline of the tests that can be administered during this school year.

If you have any questions regarding testing, please call 973-956-0010, ext. 3002, and I will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Kruzel
Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction

cc: Ms. Patricia Capitelli, Chief School Administrator
Mr. David Bower, Principal, Washington Park School
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Mr. Timothy Tracy, Vice Principal, Washington Park School

Testing 2020 – 2021 School Year

Totowa Public Schools

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 or within 30 days of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. Additional details will be released during the school year.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration	ELA and Math	Grades 3 - 8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	Computer based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grades 5 & 8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	Computer based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45minute units for a total of three hours. Grade 11: Four 60-minute units for a total of four hours	TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
*Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3 through 8	DLM Accessibility Manual	Computer based		TBD	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage

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* National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Reading Math Civics US History	Math and Reading at grades 4 and 8 U.S. History and Civics at grade 8.	NAEP Accommodations	Digital-based platform, occasionally paper/pencil administration	Three 60-minute blocks. Total testing time 180 minutes per student	1/25/21 to 3/19/21	National Results available on even numbered years. State results available on odd numbered years. No student, school or district results available. www.nation.sreportcard.gov	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
* ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	K–12	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	Paper – Grade K (and by request) Online Grades 1–12 (Writing portion is paper Grades 1–3)	No time limit	TBD	TBD	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.
Start Strong assessments- ELA/Mathematics/ Science (optional)	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3 - 8	Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage	Online only	45–60 minutes per subject assessment	9/28/20 to 12/14/20	Immediately	Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage

*= Students and Parents will be notified if taking this specific exam.