

# Totowa Borough Public Schools

## Office of Special Education

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of Assessments has released the "Start Strong" assessments, which we will administer in grades four through eight, in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Science will be administered in grade six. These computer-based assessments, which are directly correlated to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, will help provide educators with an early indication of the level of support students may need for this year. Start Strong Assessments will take place the week of September 12.

Start Strong assessments are based on prior-year academic standards, i.e. students in grade four ELA will be taking an ELA assessment based on grade 3 standards. Each Start Strong assessment is designed to be administered in approximately 45-60 minutes and will provide immediate results. Testing accommodations will be provided to students who require accommodations as outlined in their IEP or 504.

Staff will review the TestNav platform to ensure that students are familiar with the technological tools available to them.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Lauren Terranova  
Director of Special Education