



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Please be advised of the following state-mandated assessments this 2021-22 school year:

Start Strong Assessments - English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

Start Strong Assessments are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards. Start Strong assessments utilize three performance levels to aid educators and families in making decisions about the types of support students may need in ELA and Math.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-ELA (NJSLA-ELA) and New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Mathematics (NJSLA-M)

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA) and for Mathematics (NJSLA-M) measures the extent to which students are, or on track to being college or career ready in each of the two respective areas. The test in English Language Arts/Literacy assesses student proficiency in reading and comprehending a range of grade appropriate material independently. It also provides a measure of how effectively a student writes when using and/or analyzing sources. The test in Mathematics measures student competencies in the major and additional/supporting content in mathematics for grade or course, as well as student grade-appropriate mathematical reasoning and modeling skills. Additional information for the assessments in the above areas can be found on the Office of Assessments [website](#).

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S) Program

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) measures student proficiency in science according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards require schools to teach students to use science and engineering practices, to make sense of phenomena, and to design solutions to problems. The NJSLA-S uses the same familiar testing platform that NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M uses.

ACCESS Assessments for English Language Learners (ELLs)

ACCESS for ELLs (ACCESS) is the collective name for WIDA's suite of summative English language proficiency assessments. ACCESS is taken annually by English language learners in Kindergarten through Grade 12.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Levels Tested	Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians
Start Strong assessments- ELA/ Mathematics	ELA and Math	Grades 4 + 5	Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	Online only	45–60 minutes per subject area	9/13/21 to 10/22/21	TBD	TBD

NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration	ELA and Math	Grades 3, 4 & 5	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	Computer -based	Unit Testing Times	4/25/22 to 6/03/22	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grade 5	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	Computer -based	Four 45-minute units for a total of 3 hours.	4/25/22 to 6/03/22	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	K-5	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	Paper – Grade K (and by request) Online Grades 1-5(Writing portion is paper Grades 1-3)	No time limit	2/14/22 to 4/8/22	TBD	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.