

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Office of Curriculum & Instruction

April 16, 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Public school students enrolled in grades 3 through 12 during the 2023-2024 school year will participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments. Unless otherwise indicated in a student's IEP, all students in grades 3-9 will participate in the English language arts (NJSLA-ELA) and mathematics (NJSLA-M) assessments, while students enrolled in grades 5, 8 and 11 will participate in the NJSLA for Science (NJSLA-S). For specific testing dates relative to the Scotch Plains–Fanwood Public Schools, please refer to the attached *NJSLA Testing Schedule by Grade Level*.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments are designed to provide information to districts about student performance in English language arts, mathematics and science relative to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which identify what students should know and be able to do in each content area at the end of each grade level. The NSLA assessments are different from the MAP Assessments we have been using, which are designed to assist teachers in measuring individual student growth and adapting instruction to each students' instructional needs as they work towards meeting the standards. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments contain multiple-choice questions as well as several types of questions requiring open-ended responses in which students explain their understanding. Results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test in relation to his/her peers, and individualized score reports will be mailed home next fall.

Students must take the NJSLA on their school-issued device, unless otherwise indicated in a student's Individualized Education Plan, using the same online platform and tools with which they may be familiar from previous NJSLA and NJ Start Strong testing. Please note the following important information about student devices and equipment related to testing:

- Students must use their **school-issued device** to ensure the test platform functions properly on the day of testing. Using school-issued devices will also ensure that our technology department can support any unforeseen technical difficulties during testing.
- We ask that all students take time to power off, restart and update their device at home **by April 22**. This will further help to ensure that the test platform functions properly during testing. You may follow [these directions](#) to update your child's school-issued iPad.
- Portions of the online assessment contain an audio/video component that requires students to wear headphones or earbuds. Students **must use wired headphones** during testing. Students will *not* be allowed to use wireless/bluetooth headphones or earbuds. Students may feel most comfortable wearing their own headphones or earbuds and are encouraged to bring a personal set from home. Additional sets of headphones will be available for student use, if needed.

Please know that these tests measure learning that occurs over a long period of time; studying or other test-preparation strategies at home are not recommended. We do ask that you send your child to school each day of testing relaxed, well-rested, and ready to do his or her best. If your child misses a scheduled testing day, your principal will schedule make-up testing.

Sincerely,

Lisa Howard
District Testing Coordinator

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools
NJSLA Testing Schedule by Grade Level
 Spring 2024

Elementary School

English Language Arts			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
3	May 7	ELA - Unit 1	75 min
3	May 8	ELA - Unit 2	75 min
4	May 7	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
4	May 8	ELA - Unit 2	90 min

Mathematics			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
3	May 14	Math - Unit 1	60 min
3	May 15	Math - Unit 2	60 min
3	May 16	Math - Unit 3	60 min
4	May 14	Math - Unit 1	60 min
4	May 15	Math - Unit 2	60 min
4	May 16	Math - Unit 3	60 min

Middle School

English Language Arts			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
5	April 29	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
5	April 30	ELA - Unit 2	90 min
6	May 6	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
6	May 7	ELA - Unit 2	90 min
7	May 6	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
7	May 7	ELA - Unit 2	90 min
8	April 29	ELA - Unit 1	90 min
8	April 30	ELA - Unit 2	90 min

Mathematics			
Grade	Date	Test*	Unit Testing Time
5	May 1	Math - Units 1 & 2	60 min & 60 min
5	May 2	Math - Unit 3	60 min
6	May 8	Math - Units 1 & 2	60 min & 60 min
6	May 9	Math - Unit 3	60 min
7	May 8	Math - Units 1 & 2	60 min & 60 min
7	May 9	Math - Unit 3	60 min
8	May 1	Math 8- Units 1 & 2 or Algebra 1 - Unit 1	60 min & 60 min 90 min
8	May 2	Math 8 - Unit 3 or Algebra 1 - Unit 2	60 min 90 min

Science			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
5	May 13	Sci. - Units 1 & 2	45 min & 45 min
5	May 14	Sci. - Units 3 & 4	45 min & 45 min
8	May 13	Sci. - Units 1 & 2	45 min & 45 min
8	May 14	Sci. - Units 3 & 4	45 min & 45 min

High School

English Language Art			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
9	May 3	ELA - Units 1 & 2	90 min & 90 min

Mathematics			
Grade	Date	Test**	Unit Testing Time
9	May 2	Algebra 1 - Units 1 & 2 or Geometry - Units 1 & 2	90 min 90 min

Science			
Grade	Date	Test	Unit Testing Time
11	April 30	Sci. - Units 1 & 2	60 min & 60 min

*8th grade students will take the Math Grade 8 or Algebra 1 test appropriate for the course in which they are enrolled.
 **9th grade students will take the Algebra 1 or Geometry test appropriate for the course in which they are enrolled.