



Somerville Public Schools

Parental Notification of Standardized Assessment

New Jersey has administered statewide assessments since the 1970s, and over the years, the testing program has evolved. It began as a measure of basic skills, and after 1996, it has assessed the state's academic standards. In 2001, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, every state was required to test students in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11. That mandate is still in effect under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

(NJDOE resource: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>)

Assessment Subject Area & Grade Levels	Computer Administration Window	Requirement	Resources: Access to Sample Questions and Answers & Results
PARCC Grades 3-8 & High School: ELA & MATH	Administration Range: April 16, 2018 – May 25, 2018	State Required Assessment	PARCC: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/ State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parcc/scores/
Science Grades 4 & 8	The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing a new science assessment. The assessment will be aligned with the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science. Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available. http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/20172018TestingCalendar.pdf		
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Grades 3-8 & 11 ELA & MATH	Administration Days: April 9, 2018 – May 25, 2018	State Required Assessment: For students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in ELA and MATH	DLM: http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/apa/dlm/



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Alternate Proficiency Assessment in Science (APA) Grades 4, 8, & High School Science	The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing a new science assessment. The assessment will be aligned with the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science. Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available.
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If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP, parent/guardians should contact their guidance department for additional details on the specific accommodations and accessibility options.

State Resource for Testing Accommodations:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/accommodations/>