



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	Range of Administration & Duration	Requirement	Resources: Access to Sample Questions and Answers & Results
PARCC Grades 3-8 & High School: ELA & MATH	Administration Range: March 27, 2017 – May 19, 2017 Total Testing Time Allotted: 8.25 – 9.7 hours	State Required Assessment	PARCC: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/ State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parcc/scores/
NJ ASK Science Grades 4 & 8 Science	Administration Date: May 31, 2017 Make-Up Date: June 7, 2017 Total Testing Time Allotted: 4 th grade: 75 minutes 8 th grade: 120 minutes	State Required Assessment	NJASK: https://www.measinc.com/nj/NJASK/Default.aspx State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/njask/



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<p>NJBCT Science High School Science</p>	<p>Administration Days: May 31, 2017-June 1, 2017</p> <p>Make-Up Days: June 7, 2017 - June 8, 2017</p> <p>Total Testing Time Allotted: 1 hour 45 minutes each day</p>	<p>State Required Assessment</p>	<p>NJBCT: https://www.measinc.com/nj/NJBCT/Default.aspx State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/hs/njbct.shtml</p>
<p>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Grades 3-8 & 11 ELA & MATH</p>	<p>Administration Range: April 3, 2017 – May 19, 2017</p> <p>Total Testing Time Allotted: <i>Guidelines</i> ELA: 50-75 minutes Math: 25-50 minutes As per student’s identified individual needs</p>	<p>State Required Assessment: For students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in ELA and MATH</p>	<p>DLM: http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/apa/dlm/</p>
<p>Alternate Proficiency Assessment in Science (APA) Grades 4, 8, & High School Science</p>	<p>First Collection Period: September 1, 2016 – November 11, 2016</p> <p>Second Collection Period: December 5, 2016 – February 10, 2017</p> <p>Total Testing Time Allotted: <i>Guidelines</i></p>	<p>State Required Assessment: For students with the most significant intellectual disabilities who are unable to participate in NJASK or NJBCT</p>	<p>Questar (Contracted Service for APA): https://nj-servicepoint.questarai.com/Login.aspx State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/apa/</p>



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	As per student's identified individual needs		
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Grades K-12 English Language Proficiency Assessment	Administration Range: February 20, 2017 – April 14, 2017 Total Testing Time Allotted: <i>Guidelines</i> As per student's identified individual needs	State Required Assessment: For students who are identified as English Language Learners (ELLs)	WiDA (ACCESS for ELLs): https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx#about State: http://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/ells/20/

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/>