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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The purpose of this letter is to provide relevant information regarding assessments, including both State standardized assessments and other assessment tools. Legislative changes, specifically, the reduction in time which students spend on assessments, has provided the opportunity to make adjustments to the Spring testing schedule.

For your review, below you will find the updated list of assessments, including assessment descriptions and purpose.

- **NJSLA ELA and NJSLA Math** (*formerly known as PARCC*).
Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be administered the NJSLA ELA and NJSLA Math. This is a computer based assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy. The purpose of the NJSLA assessment is to measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers and if students are meeting the New Jersey Learning Standards (NJLS). These assessments also assist teachers to customize learning to meet their student's needs.
- **Science assessment (NJSLA-S)**
Students in Grades 5 & 8 will be administered the Science assessment (NJSLA-S). This will be the second year that students in grades 5 and 8 will take the NJSLA-S assessment. This assessment replaces the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). In 2014, New Jersey adopted new Science standards which are now called the New Jersey Learning Standards for Science (NJLS-S). The purpose of the NJSLA-Science assessment is to measure whether students have gained the knowledge and skills identified in the K-5 science section of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).
- **Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)**
Students in grades 3 through 8, as per their IEP, will be administered the Dynamic Learning Maps assessment. The DLM is an adaptive computer-based assessment that will be administered to the one percent of students with the most significant cognitive impairments. The assessment

examines student progress towards achieving the New Jersey Learning Standards (NJLS) in English Language Arts and Mathematics. It is the alternative assessment for PARCC and Science.

- **WIDA ACCESS 2.0**

ACCESS for ELLs (Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners) is a secure online large scale English language proficiency assessment given to Kindergarten through 12th grader students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs). It is given annually by the district's ESL/ELL teacher within an eight-week window to monitor student progress in acquiring academic English.

- **Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)**

The Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT), published by Pearson NNC, is a multiple choice test commonly used in the U.S. to identify gifted children. This assessment, which measures scholastic achievement, will be used as a tool for admissions into the gifted and talented program for students attending Mountz. It measures cognitive abilities that relate to a student's academic success in school.

Spring Assessment, 2019 Testing Calendar

Grades	Assessment	Date (s)	Make-up Date(s)	Accommodations & Modifications	Results Available
Grades 3-8	NJSLA - ELA	5/7/19 5/8/19	5/9/19, 5/16/19, 5/17/19 5/20/19, 5/21/19 5/22/19	Per IEP / 504	Fall, 2019
Grades 3-8	NJSLA - Math	5/13/19 5/14/19 5/15/19	5/16/19, 5/17/19 5/20/19, 5/21/19 5/22/19	Per IEP / 504	Fall, 2019
Grades 5 & 8	NJSLA - Science	5/29/19 5/30/19	5/31/19 6/3/19	Per IEP / 504	Fall, 2019
Grades 3- 8	DLM	5/6/19 - 5/10/19 5/13/19 -5/17/19	TBD	Per IEP	Fall, 2019
Grades 3 & 6 only	OLSAT	5/1/19	5/2/19 & 5/3/19	N/A	Fall, 2019
ELL only	WIDA ACCESS 2.0	2/14/19 - 4/12/19	TBD	Per ELL plan	Fall, 2019

Additional Information:

- Testing environment must be orderly and not disruptive. Therefore, all testing will begin in the morning each day. **It is important that your child arrives to school on time.** All students in a testing group will begin testing at the same time. Please note that if your child arrives late on a day of testing, they will not be permitted to test in that session.
- Please ensure that your child is well rested, eats breakfast and is relaxed.
- If your child wears a device, such as, but not limited to, glasses, contacts, hearing aides, be sure he / she remembers to bring or wear the item during all testing.

- Encourage your child to do his / her best during testing.
- Please refrain from sending your child to school if illness is apparent. There are make-up testing sessions for student who miss school due to an illness.

The results of these assessments will provide teachers and parents with valuable information regarding student progress, inform instruction, and assist with providing academic support in school and at home. Should there be new information from the NJ Department of Education regarding the NJSLA assessments, we will certainly communicate this with you.

Your continued collaboration with school personnel is appreciated, as we work together to help all of our students to their best and achieve success.

This website offers practice tests for each grade level of the assessment should you wish to familiarize yourself with the kinds of items and format used for the NJSLA assessment.

- <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher and we will be glad to assist you.

Sincerely,

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