



SPRING LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Students within the Spring Lake School District, in grades three through eight, will participate in the annual 2018-2019 testing. For your review, below you will find the updated list of assessments, including assessment descriptions and purpose.

- **PARCC ELA and PARCC Math**

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be administered the PARCC ELA and PARCC Math. The PARCC is a computer based assessment of Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy. The purpose of PARCC 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 assessment replaces the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). 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.

Note: This is a preliminary schedule, which the district is sharing in order to enable our families to plan accordingly. It is subject to change at a later date based upon new developments and direction from the NJDOE, which could potentially arise.

2018-2019 Spring Assessment Testing Calendar

Assessment	Grade Level	Subject Areas	Date(s)	Make-up Date(s)	Results Available	Accommodations & Modifications	State / Federal Required
PARCC	3-8	ELA	April 8,9,10,11,12	April 15,16,17,18	Sept.	Per IEP / 504	State & Federal
PARCC	3-8	Math	May 6,7,8,9,10	May 13,14,15,16,17	Sept.	Per IEP / 504	State & Federal
NJSLA-S	5 & 8	Science	May 20, 21,22,23,24	May 28, 29, 30, 31	Pending NJDOE	Per IEP / 504	State
DLM	3-8	ELA & Math	April 8,9,10,11,12	April 15, 16, 17, 18	Sept.	Per IEP / 504	State & Federal
WIDA ACCESS 2.0	ELL only	Reading Listening Speaking Writing	February 14 th - April 12 th	TBD	Sept.	N/A	State
OLSAT	3 & 6	Verbal, Nonverbal, Quantitative abilities	April 29, 30 & 31 & May 1 st	May 2 & 3	Sept.	N/A	N/A

Additional Information:

- Testing environment must be orderly and not disruptive. Therefore, all testing will be administered 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. Your continued collaboration with school personnel is appreciated, as we work together to help all of our students to their best and achieve success.

For more information about the PARCC Assessments, please visit the following sites or visit the district website:

- <http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>
- <http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/parents>
- <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>
- <https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otis%E2%80%93Lennon_School_Ability_Test
- <https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access>

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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