

**Spring Lake School District
H.W. MOUNTZ SCHOOL**

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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s):

This is to provide relevant information with regard to the annual assessments that are administered to our students at HW Mountz. The following list includes state and local testing.

NJSLA ELA and NJSLA Math

Students in Grades 3 through 8 will be administered the NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-Math. These assessments measure students' progress toward college and career readiness in each of the two respective areas.

- English/Language Arts measures student proficiency in reading and comprehension as well as how effectively a student writes when using and/or analyzing sources.
- Mathematics measures student competencies in reasoning and modeling skills in the appropriate grade or course.

Science assessment (NJSLA-S)

Students in Grades 5 & 8 will be administered the Science assessment (NJSLA-S).

- The NJSLA-Science assessment measures whether students have gained the knowledge and skills identified in the K-5 science section of the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT)

The OLSAT is administered to students in grade 3 & 6. It measures a School Ability Index - the cognitive abilities that typically relate to a student's academic success in school. 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.

Assessing Comprehension & Communication in English State-to-State (ACCESS 2.0)

ACCESS is a secure, online English language proficiency assessment given to Kindergarten -8th grade students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs). It is given annually by the district's ESL/ELL teacher to monitor student progress in acquiring academic English.

Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)

Students in grades 3 - 8, as per their IEP, will be administered the DLM. This is an adaptive computer-based assessment that examines student progress towards achieving the New Jersey Learning Standards (NJLS) in English/Language Arts and Mathematics.

Your continued collaboration with school personnel is appreciated, as we work together to help all of our students perform at their best level.

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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