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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

Elizabeth Public Schools remains committed to providing a high-quality education that prepares its students for college and career success.

School districts throughout the State of New Jersey continue to face unprecedented challenges in providing teaching and learning during the 2020-2021 school year. Since the pandemic began to affect the operations of schools in March 2020, not only has the way teachers instruct their students been affected, but also the way students are assessed to determine the skills and knowledge they have obtained. I would like to take this opportunity to provide important assessment information for 2020-2021 school year.

As you are aware, we are required by federal regulations to assess our students in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics in grades 3-10 and in Science in grades 5, 8, and 11 with the New Jersey Students Learning Assessment (NJSLA) or Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM). Additionally, all students in grades K-12 who qualify for supports as English Language Learners (ELLs) are required to take the *Assessing Comprehension and Communication in English State-to-State for English Language Learners (ACCESS for ELLs)*. In light of the current national situation, the New Jersey Department of Education has not yet released the dates for these assessments.

The New Jersey Department of Education also requires us to administer benchmark assessments throughout the year in all content areas.

The following chart provides some details about the administration(s) of these assessments. You may also visit our website: www.epsnj.org for continuous updates on assessment information.

I wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and successful school year.

Best Regards,

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Assessment Name	Subjects/ Grades	Test Mode	Time Allotted	Test Dates	Results Available	Required by
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	ELA and Math Grades 3-10	Computer (with paper-based options per IEPs)	Varies	TBA	TBA	State/ Federal requirement
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	Science Grades 5, 8, 11	Computer (with paper-based options per IEPs)	Varies	TBA	TBA	State/ Federal requirement
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ELA, Math, and Science Grades 3-8, 11	Computer	Varies	TBA	TBA	State/ Federal requirement
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)* Randomly selected schools	Reading, Math, Science, Civics, US History, Geography Grades 4, 8, 12-	Digital-based platform; occasionally paper-pencil	Three 60-minute blocks (total test time 180 minutes per student)	January – March 2021	National and State results on alternating years; No student, school or district results	State/ Federal requirement
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	English Language Proficiency for ELLs in Grades K-12	Grade K – Paper; Grades 1-3 Online and Paper; Grades 4-12 Online	No time limit	TBA	TBA	State/ Federal requirement
Successmaker	ELA Grades K-8	Online	Varies	Fall and Spring	TBA	State/ Local Requirement
Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)	ELA Grades 9-12; Math Grades 8-12	Online	Varies	Fall and Spring	TBA	State/ Local Requirement

For more information, please follow any of the links below:

NJSLA <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>
 NAEP <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/assessments/>
 ACCESS for ELLs <https://www.nj.gov/education/bilingual/ells/20/>
 MAP <https://www.nwea.org/map-growth/>
 SuccessMaker <https://www.savvas.com/index.cfm?locator=PS2qJ3>

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