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Dear Parents/Guardians,

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

New Jersey school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects are required by statute (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. On the next pages, please see the Elizabeth Public Schools' standardized assessment schedule for the 2025-2026 school year.

On August 13, 2025, the New Jersey Department of Education announced that the statewide assessments for English language arts and mathematics will be transitions to an adaptive assessment. The calendar set by the New Jersey Department of Education includes a field test of this new assessment this fall. We will be diligent and transparent in sharing the information about this assessment as it becomes available. The New Jersey Department of Education does have a web page for parents and families on which they will be posting information as well. That page can be found by following this link: [Students & Families](#)

The state assessments that will be administered by Elizabeth Public Schools during the 2025-2026 school year are the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA), NJGPA-Adaptive, ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners (ELLs), Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model, and New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive).

National assessments administered during 2025-2026 will be the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) and College Board Assessments, which will include the Preliminary SAT (PSAT), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), and Advanced Placement (AP) tests in multiple subjects.

The administration of these assessments helps the district to set baseline performance levels for students and monitor and analyze their progress as they advance through their elementary and secondary education. These processes help determine the strengths and weaknesses of each student and inform the development of innovative and personalized learning plans to ensure every child can achieve excellence. For additional details on these assessments, please refer to the District Assessment Calendar on our website.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions to your child's education. Through our continued partnership, we will ensure that every child achieves excellence.

Best Regards,

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STATE ASSESSMENTS

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA and Math	Grade 12	State	Two 90-minute units per subject	10/6/2025 to 10/10/2025 Make-up: 10/14/2025 to 10/17/2025	To be Determined
Note: Participation will include only students in the class of 2026 who were not successful on ELA and/or Mathematics previously, or who need to participate to meet the State graduation assessment requirement.					

Available Resources:

[New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources NJGPA Practice Tests](#)

[NJGPA webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#)

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive **FIELD TEST**

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA	Grade 11	State	Reading (60 minutes) Writing (120 minutes)	10/27/2025 to 11/14/2025	To be Determined

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive **FIELD TEST**

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA	Grades 4-10	State and Federal	Reading (60 minutes) Writing (120 minutes)	10/27/2025 to 11/14/2025	To be Determined
Math	Grades 4 through high school (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II)	State and Federal	60 minutes	10/27/2025 to 11/14/2025	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive Students & Families](#)

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ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
English Language Proficiency	ACCESS K-12 Alt ACCESS K-12 (as per IEP)	State and Federal	No time limit	2/2/2026 to 3/27/2026	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[WIDA Accessibility Accommodations](#)

[ACCESS preparing students: practice](#)

[Parent Handout](#) (Provided in different languages.)

New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive)

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA and Math	Grade 11	State	TBD	3/16/2026 to 3/20/2026 Make-up: 3/23/2026 to 3/27/2026	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive Students & Families](#)

[NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items](#)

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA and Math Science	Grades 3-8 and 11 Grades 5, 8 and 11	State and Federal	n/a	4/6/2026 to 5/22/2026 Make-up: 5/26/2026 to 5/29/2026	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[DLM Accessibility Manual](#)

[DLM released testlets](#)

[New Jersey DLM](#)

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New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive) – English Language Arts (ELA) and Math

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
ELA	Grades 3-9	State and Federal	TBD	4/27/2026 to 5/22/2026	To be Determined
Math	Grades 3-7, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II			Make-up 5/26/2026 to 5/29/2026	

[New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive Students & Families](#)

[NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive Sample Item Type Tutorials and Experience Sample Items](#)

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) – English Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
Science	Grades 5, 8, and 11	State and Federal	Gr 5, 8 Four 45-minute units; Gr 11 Four 60-minute units	4/27/2026 to 5/22/2026 Make-up 5/26/2026 to 5/29/2026	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[NJSLA-S Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide.](#)

[Welcome | NJ Science](#)

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
Mathematics and Reading	Grade 4 Grade 8 Grade 12 (Selected schools only)	Federal	Approximately 90 minutes	1/26/2026 to 3/20/2026	National Results available on even numbered years. State results available on odd numbered years. No student, school or district results available. nationsreportcard.gov

Districts and schools selected for the various NAEP assessments taking place in the 2025-2026 school year will be contacted by the NAEP State Coordinator with their designated assessment dates.

Available Resources:

[NAEP Accommodations](#)

[NAEP Questions Tool](#)

[Parents' Information webpage](#)

College Board Assessments

Subject	Grade Level(s)	Requirement (Federal, State, Local)	Testing time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available
PSAT10 Reading, Writing, Math	Grade 10	Local	2 hours and 45 minutes	10/21/2025	To be Determined
PSAT/NMSQT Reading, Writing, Math	Grade 11	Local	2 hours and 45 minutes	10/21/2025	To be Determined
SAT	Grade 12	Local	3 hours	10/21/2025	To be Determined
SAT	Grade 11	Local	3 hours	4/21/2026	To be Determined
Advanced Placement (AP) Multiple Subjects	Grades 9-12	Local	Varies by test	5/4/2026 to 5/15/2026	To be Determined

Available Resources:

[College Board - SAT, AP, College Search and Admission Tools](#)

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