



LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Standardized Testing Information ~ Spring 2019

Dear Parents:

This spring marks the first year that students in grades 3-11 will participate in the NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment) assessments in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. The NJSLA assessment will be administered to students within the testing window that opens on April 8, 2019 and closes on May 28, 2019. Students in Grades 3 and 4 at the Forked River School will be administered this assessment on April 30, May 1, May 6, May 7, and May 8. For detailed NJSLA information, please visit the district website and click on the assessment link located in the red navigation bar.

Who will participate in NJSLA?

- Students in grades 3 through 10, (and grade 11 students who have not yet fulfilled graduation assessment requirements) will take the NJSLA-English Language Arts assessments;
- Students in grades 3 through 10, (and grade 11 students who have not yet fulfilled graduation assessment requirements) will take the NJSLA-Mathematics assessment, including the end-of-course assessments (Algebra I, II and Geometry);
- Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will take the NJSLA-Science assessment.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)

All students in grades 5, 8 and 11 will participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science for the first time this school year. This test measures student proficiency on NJSLA Science standards. The assessment will contain tasks that examine student's performance of scientific and engineering practices within the context of disciplinary core ideas. The NJSLA-Science assessment will be administered to students within the testing window that opens on May 6, 2019 and closes on June 19, 2019.

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child. Please have your child attend school each day of the testing period. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Your support and encouragement can also go a long way to set a positive tone. Students are expected to participate in state assessment programs as per the provisions under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.), and as advised by the Executive County Superintendent's Office. If you have any questions or concerns about the NJSLA assessments, please contact the appropriate staff member as outlined below.

- Cedar Creek School.....Mrs. Joanie Donohue, Supervisor 609-971-5850
- Forked River School.....Ms. Jessica Cellini, Supervisor 609-971-2080
- Lanoka Harbor School.....Mrs. Theresa Kilmurray, Supervisor 609-971-2090
- Mill Pond SchoolMr. Paul O'Neill, Supervisor 609-971-2070
- Lacey Township Middle School....Mr. Mike Heilala, School Counselor 609-242-2100
- Lacey Township High School.....Ms. Mary Esch, Supervisor of Guidance 609-971-2020

On behalf of the professional staff of our district, we thank you for your continued support in making this a positive experience for students.

Sincerely,



Stephen J. Decker
Assistant Superintendent
District Test Coordinator