Little Falls Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This May, your child will participate in New Jersey's statewide assessments. These state-required tests provide one important way to understand how well students are learning grade-level skills in English, math, and science. Depending on their grade level, your child may participate in one or more of the following tests:

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessments – Adaptive (NJSLA-A) for ELA and Mathematics
- New Jersey Student Learning Assessments – Science (NJSLA-S)

Testing Schedule

Assessment	**Test Administration Dates**
School No. 1 NJSLA-A ELA and Mathematics	**May 4th through May 8, 2026**
School No. 3 NJSLA-A ELA and Mathematics	**May 11th through May 15, 2026**
School No. 1 NJSLA-Science	**May 11th and May 12, 2026**
Make up testing will be completed by May 29, 2026	

Purpose of Statewide Assessments

Students take different kinds of tests during the school year, and each type of test serves a different purpose. New Jersey's statewide assessments are one important way to show families and communities how well students, schools, and districts are meeting the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, which describe what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Overall, statewide tests give families and schools an understanding of how students are growing and where support may be needed so every child can succeed.

What's New About the ELA and Math Tests (NJSLA-A)

This spring, for the first time, statewide tests in English and math (NJSLA-A) will be computer-adaptive. As your child answers questions, the test adjusts in real time. If a question is answered correctly, the next one may be slightly more challenging. If your child struggles, the test may provide a question that is less difficult. This helps the assessment "zero in" on your child's understanding more precisely.

Every student receives a different mix of questions, but all questions are reviewed together to measure the same grade-level standards and skills. Adaptive tests do not change what students are expected to know; they simply help measure those skills more accurately.

The NJSLA-A consists of three (3) units; ELA-Reading, ELA-Writing, and Mathematics.

Unit Testing Times (NJSLA-A)

Unit	Session 1 Testing Time (minutes)	Session 2 Testing Time (minutes)	Total Test Time (minutes)
ELA-Reading	75	75	150
ELA-Writing	90	N/A	90
Mathematics	75	75	150

About the Science Test (NJSLA-S)

The science assessment is a fixed-form test, meaning all students receive the same questions. While the test will now appear in the same online platform as the ELA and math assessments, the format and content remain the same as last year.

Unit Testing Times (NJSLA – Science)

Science Grade Level	Units (total number)	Testing Time per Unit (minutes)	Total Test Time (minutes)
Grades 5 and 8	4	45	180

You may also wish to visit the Students & Families page on New Jersey Assessments Portal at nj.portal.cambiumast.com and the Parent and Student Resources page on the New Jersey Science Assessments Resource Center at nj.mymisupport.com.

As testing days approach, here are a few simple ways to help your child feel confident, calm, and ready:

- Get a good night's sleep each night
- Eat a healthy breakfast each morning
- Arrive to school on time
- Encourage a positive, "do your best" mindset
- Prepare backpacks and materials the night before
- Limit screen time before bed

Thank you for your support in helping your child feel their best. We're proud of all their hard work!

Educationally yours,

Mrs. Elba Alves Castrovinci, District Testing Coordinator