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Memorandum

TO: Paterson Public Schools Parents and Guardians

FROM: Luis Valentin, Director of Assessment

Date: September 26, 2023

SUBJECT: Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

This memorandum is being sent to comply with state statute (N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6) that requires that school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects, provide parents and guardians with information regarding any state assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

It is very important to note that all students may not be administered all assessments. If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations as per their 504 or IEP, parent/guardians should contact their guidance office/special services for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options. Students with severe cognitive disabilities may be assigned to take the DLM assessments as prescribed by their IEP team (<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/accommodations/>).

The list on the following page outlines the assessments that the Paterson School District administers:

2023-2024 Standardized Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Subject Area(s)	Grade Level Tested	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Requirement	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Information for Parents, Guardians Regarding the Assessment
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	Reading, Writing, & Math	12	Paper Administration	195 min	Oct 11, 2023	December	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)	ELA & Math	12 (for identified students)	Computer/Paper Administration	ELA: 180 min Math: 180 min	October 12 - October 16, 2023	December/January	Federal/State	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/test-administration-resource/NJSLA_NJGPA_Accessibility_Features_and_Accommodations_10th_Edition.pdf	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT 8/9)	Reading, Writing, & Math	9	Computer Administration	145 min	Oct 18, 2023	December	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT)	Reading, Writing, & Math	10 & 11	Computer Administration	165 min	Oct 18, 2023	December	Federal/State	https://accommodations.collegeboard.org/	https://parents.collegeboard.org/
Seal of Biliteracy	ELA & World Language	12	Computer/Paper Administration	Based on Student Needs	Jan 2 - Feb 8, 2024	June	State	https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml	https://www.nj.gov/education/standards/worldlang/SealofBiliteracy.shtml
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Math, Reading, Civics, US History (Selected Schools - TBD)	4 & 8	Computer Administration	90 - 240 min	Schools will be contacted by NAEP with designated dates	Not Applicable	Federal/State	https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/about/inclusion.aspx	https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/
ACCESS for English Language Learners(ELL) / Alternate ACCESS for English Language Learners	Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening	K-12	Computer/Paper Administration	265 min	Feb 5 - Mar 28, 2024	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/accessibility	https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)	ELA & Math	11	Computer/Paper Administration	ELA: 180 min Math: 180 min	Mar 11 - Mar 15, 2024	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/test-administration-resource/NJSLA_NJGPA_Accessibility_Features_and_Accommodations_10th_Edition.pdf	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/
Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)	ELA & Math	3-8, and 11	Computer Administration	Based on Student Needs	Apr 8 - May 31, 2024	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey	http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/information-parents
Dynamic Learning Map (DLM)	Science	5,8, and 11	Computer Administration	Based on Student Needs	Apr 8 - May 31, 2024	Approx. Summer	Federal/State	https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey	http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/information-parents
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	ELA & Math	3-10	Computer/Paper Administration	Math: 180 min ELA: 150 - 180 min	Apr 29 - May 3, 2024 (Computer-Based) Apr 29 - May 12, 2024 (Paper-Based)	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/educator-resources/startStrong/NJSLA_Accessibility_Features_and_Accommodations_9th_Edition.pdf	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)	Science	5, 8, 11	Computer/Paper Administration	135 - 180 min	May 1 - May 12, 2024 (Computer-Based) May 1 - May 12, 2024 (Paper-Based)	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/educator-resources/startStrong/NJSLA_Accessibility_Features_and_Accommodations_9th_Edition.pdf	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/
Advanced Placement (AP)	Various	10-12	Computer/Paper Administration	up to 180 min	May 6 - May 17, 2024	Approx. Summer	N/A	https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/getting-accommodations	https://parents.collegeboard.org/college-board-programs/advanced-placement-program
Gold Collections	Various	Pre K	Paper Administration	N/A - Performance Based	Ongoing	Approx. Summer	State	https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/assess/gold/	https://teachingstrategies.com/solutions/assess/gold/
Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)	Various	12	Computer/Paper Administration	180 min	School-Based Administration Windows	Approx. 2 weeks after administration	N/A	https://www.asvabprogram.com/pdf/Testing_FAQ.pdf	https://www.asvabprogram.com/parents-information
New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) - Summer (tentative)	ELA & Math	9-11	Computer/Paper Administration	ELA: 180 min Math: 180 min	TBD	Approx. Fall	Federal/State	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/test-administration-resource/NJSLA_NJGPA_Accessibility_Features_and_Accommodations_10th_Edition.pdf	https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/

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