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Dear Parent/Guardians:

**RE: Field Testing (NJSLA-ELA) & Parent Notification of Standardized Assessments**

This year our district has been randomly selected by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to participate in the English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test for the Spring 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA). Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program. Field test items do not count towards a student's score.

***What is Field Testing?***

The main purpose of field testing is to "test the test questions" to ensure that all questions that appear on operational assessments adequately measure the content and skills they are intended to measure. The field testing also ensures the questions are clear and are fair to all students. Every question goes through multiple rounds of review by assessment professionals and committees that include New Jersey educators prior to being field tested. A final determination regarding the quality of each question is made only after it has been included in a test taken by students and the resulting field-test data has been analyzed.

***How is Field Testing Implemented in New Jersey?***

For ELA, New Jersey samples approximately one-third of schools across the state. Each tested student in a sampled school takes one ELA field test unit, or section. The field test unit may contain a Narrative Writing Task unit, Literary Analysis Task unit, or Research Simulation Task unit, and may appear as the first, second, or third unit on the test. This helps ensure that students do not know which questions "count" towards their score and which are field test questions, and therefore expend a similar amount of effort while answering all questions.

Schools are selected for ELA field testing so that the annual sample is representative of the state's overall testing population in terms of achievement and demographics. All students in tested grades in the district will participate in the field test. Students taking the ELA field test will be given a total of three units instead of two units. The district has taken this into account in planning the Spring 2020 testing schedule. Districts that were selected to participate in field testing this year will not be required to participate again for the next two years of assessment administration (i.e. 2021 and 2022).

***Parent Notification of Standardized Assessments***

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, school districts must provide parents and guardians with information on any State assessment that will be administered in the school year. The following information is a reference page of all of state testing administered in both Brooklake Elementary School and Ridgedale Middle School for the 2019-20 school year. The following information is included:

- The subject area and grade level covered by the assessment
- The dates of the administration of the assessment
- The time allotted to take and complete the assessment
- Any accommodation and accessibility options available to students
- Information on how and when the students and his/her parent or guardian can access both sample questions and answers to the assessment and the student results
- Whether the assessment is required by State, Federal government or both

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Steven Caponegro*

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Superintendent of Schools

Assessment Subject Area	Practice Tests & Answer Key	Administration Date	Time Allotted	Results available
<b>NJSLA ELA 3</b> English Language Arts Grade 3 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 19-21, 2020	75 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Math 3</b> Mathematics Grade 3 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 12-14, 2020	120 minutes 1st day and 60 min 2nd day*	June 2020
<b>NJSLA ELA 4</b> English Language Arts Grade 4 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 19-21, 2020	90 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Math 4</b> Mathematics Grade 4 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 12-14, 2020	120 minutes 1st day and 60 min 2nd day*	June 2020
<b>NJSLA ELA 5</b> English Language Arts Grade 5 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 19-21, 2020	90 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Math 5</b> Mathematics Grade 5 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 12-14, 2020	120 minutes 1st day and 60 min 2nd day*	June 2020
<b>NJSLA ELA 6 - 8</b> English Language Arts Grade 6 - 8 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 13 - 15, 2020	90 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Math 6 - 8</b> Mathematics Grade 6 - 8 curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 18 - 20, 2020	60 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Algebra I</b> Mathematics Algebra I curriculum	<a href="http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	Computer & paper based test dates May 18 - 19, 2020	90 minutes each day *	June 2020
<b>NJSLA Science 5th and 8th grade</b>	<a href="http://www.measinc.com/nj/science">www.measinc.com/nj/science</a>	Grade 5 May 5-7, 2020 Grade 8 May 4-5, 2020	90 minutes each day *	TBA
<b>DLM ELA &amp; Math Grades 3 - 8</b>	<a href="http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey">http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey</a>	Computer test April 1-May 29, 2020	ELA: 50-75 min Math: 25-50 min	August 2020

- If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP, parents/guardians should contact their guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.
- All students are required to take the assessments as per the State of New Jersey and NJ Office of Assessments.
- Students taking the Algebra 1 Mathematics assessment are required to pass as part of their graduation requirements as per the State of New Jersey Office of Assessment.
- The two types of testing mode are computer and paper and pencil; some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your son/daughter has a medical issue that would not allow him/her to take the assessment on the computer.
- 'Testing time' is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- 'Results available' indicates when the reports will be available to the district. The district will send out reports to parents as soon as possible. Please contact the district for further information.