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**TO:** Parents/Guardians of the Warren Hills Regional School District  
**FROM:** Earl C. Clymer, Superintendent  
**SUBJ:** New Jersey Department of Education Testing Information  
**DATE:** September 30, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this letter finds you and your families healthy and safe.

Annually, New Jersey school districts are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to 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.

*Please note: To date, the New Jersey State Assessments testing schedule has not been announced for the 2020-2021 school year due to Covid-19. The district is awaiting the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) testing schedule and guidance on standardized assessments for the 2020-2021 school year. Therefore, the following information is subject to change.*

Thank you for your review of the following assessment information for the 2020-2021 school year. As guidance is made available by the New Jersey Department of Education regarding the spring 2021 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment administration, information will be updated accordingly.

Regards,

Earl C. Clymer

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## Assessment Schedule 2020-2021 School Year

### New Jersey State Assessments

Standardized assessments are administered annually to measure student achievement in English Language Arts and Mathematics for Grades 3-11 and in Science for Grades 5 and 8. The following assessments are mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE). For more information regarding New Jersey State Assessments, visit the NJDOE Assessment website.

### New Jersey Student Learning Assessments

#### ELA & Mathematics

The State of New Jersey ended its membership of the interstate consortium that produced the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessments a few years ago. While the online platform remains the same, the state's Mathematics and English language arts (ELA) assessments are no longer be called Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

The statewide assessments for ELA and Mathematics are called:

- *New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-ELA (NJSLA-ELA)*
- *New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Mathematics (NJSLA-M)*

The Warren Hills Regional School District will administer the New Jersey Learning Assessments (NJSLA) when the NJDOE releases the testing scheduling window. Make-up testing will follow regular NJSLA assessment administration.

All NJSLA units are computer-based, utilizing modern 21st century technology and offering accessibility features for all students (paper-based options are available for students with disabilities). Students can interact with all computer-based item types for all grade levels and subjects using the NJSLA practice tests and tutorials.

### New Jersey Learning Assessment-Science

All students in Grades 5 and 8 must be administered the *New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science* (NJSLA-S) Spring 2021 assessment, which replaced the NJASK Science Assessment in Grades 4 and 8 a few years ago. The NJSLA-S will be administered upon the release of the 2020-2021 NJDOE testing schedule. All units are computer-based.

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The test items will focus on the standards of the grade band for which the assessment is developed. The Grade 8 assessment will focus on all middle school standards. All NJSLA-S units are computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities.

## **ACCESS for ELLs 2.0**

*ACCESS for ELLs 2.0* is an English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English Language Learners (ELLs). The assessment is administered annually to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. The assessment measures each of the four domains of Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is given to all ELLs during the annual testing window, which typically lasts from mid-February through mid-April. The testing window for the 2020-2021 ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 test administration has not been released by the NJDOE at this time. The test is offered in an online format for Grades 1-12. The paper testing mode is offered by request.

## **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)**

*Dynamic Learning Maps*<sup>®</sup> (*DLM*<sup>®</sup>) assessments are designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate, even with accommodations. DLM assessments offer these students a way to show what they know and can do in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

During DLM assessment administration, students have access to unique accessibility tools and supports to fit each student's needs and preferences. Some of these tools and supports are delivered through the online assessment system while others are provided outside the system by the teacher. Decisions about the use of these tools and supports are made for each student, typically with input from an Individualized Education Program team.

## **Other**

### **Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT)**

The *Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test* is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The PSAT has two sections: Math and Evidence-Based Reading and Writing. The test includes passage-based questions—sometimes accompanied by tables, graphs, and charts—and math problems drawing upon algebra, geometry, and some trigonometry. The administration is scheduled for October 8, 2020.

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## Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

The ASVAB is a timed multi-aptitude test which is offered to high school students. Areas tested include: Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension and Mathematics Knowledge.

NOTE: The administration of this assessment may be affected by Covid-19.

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