

**WOOD-RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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TO: Parents and Guardians

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RE: **2023 - 2024 Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, school districts must provide parents and guardians information on any State or commercially-developed standardized assessments that will be administered to our students during the school year. We have compiled this information for your review:

Assessment and Subject Area(s)	Grade Level(s) Tested	Dates of Administration	Testing Time Allotted to Complete Assessment	Accommodations/ Accessibility Options	Information for Parents/ Guardians Regarding the Assessments	Anticipated Date Results Available	Federal, State, or Local Requirement
<b>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded (IE) Model</b>  <i>English Language Arts (ELA)</i> <i>Math</i> <i>Science</i>	<b>ELA &amp; Math</b> 3-8 & 11  <b>Science</b> 5, 8, & 11	September 11, 2023 - December 22, 2023	Testing time based on student needs	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	<a href="#">DLM Resources for Parents</a>	Fall 2023	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) Fall Administration</b>  <i>ELA</i> <i>Math</i>	12*  *Students in grade 12 may take the NJGPA if needed to meet the State graduation assessment requirement.	October 10 - 16 2023	<b>ELA:</b> Two 90 minute units for a total of 3 hours <b>Math:</b> Two 90 minute units for a total of 3 hours	<a href="#">NJGPA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	<a href="#">NJGPA Resources for Parents</a>	TBD	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>Preliminary SAT (PSAT)</b>  <i>Reading</i> <i>Math</i> <i>Writing and Language</i>	10	October 18 - 19, 2023	2 hours, 45 minutes	<a href="#">PSAT Accommodations</a>	<a href="#">PSAT Guide</a>	December 2023	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>ACCESS for MLs</b>  <i>English Proficiency Assessment</i>	K-12	February 5 - March 29, 2024	Testing time based on student needs	<a href="#">ACCESS for MLs</a>	<a href="#">ACCESS for MLs</a>	June 2024	✓ Federal ✓ State Local

<b>NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) Spring Administration</b>  <i>ELA</i> <i>Math</i>	11	March 11 - 15, 2024	<b>ELA:</b> Two 90 minute units for a total of 3 hours <b>Math:</b> Two 90 minute units for a total of 3 hours	<a href="#">NJGPA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	<a href="#">NJGPA Resources for Parents</a>	TBD	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model</b>  <i>ELA</i> <i>Math</i> <i>Science</i>	<b>ELA &amp; Math</b> 3-8 & 11  <b>Science</b> 5, 8, & 11	April 8 - May 31, 2024	Testing time based on student needs	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	<a href="#">DLM Resources for Parents</a>	TBD	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)</b>  <i>ELA</i> <i>Math</i>	<b>ELA:</b> 3-9  <b>Math:</b> 3 - HS* *(Alg I, Geo. or Alg II as needed based on accountability requirements)	May 6 - 16 2024	<b>ELA Gr. 3:</b> Two 75-minute units for a total of 2.5 hours <b>ELA Gr. 4-9:</b> Two 90-minute units for a total of 3 hours  <b>Math Gr. 3-8:</b> Three 60-minute units for a total of 3 hours  <b>Alg 1, Geometry, &amp; Alg II:</b> Two 90-minute units for a total of 3 hours	<a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations</a>	<a href="#">NJSLA Resources for Parents</a>	August 2024	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA)</b>  <i>Science</i>	5, 8, & 11	April 29 - May 24, 2024	<b>Gr. 5&amp; 8 -</b> Four 45 minute units for a total of 3 hours  <b>Gr. 11 -</b> Four 60 minute units for a total of 3 hours	<a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations</a>	<a href="#">NJSLA Resources for Parents</a>	August 2024	✓ Federal ✓ State Local

<b>Advanced Placement (AP) Exams</b>	9-12 (AP Students)	May 6 - 16 2024	2-3 hours	<a href="#">AP Exams with Accommodations</a>	<a href="#">AP Resources for Parents</a>	July 2024	✓ Federal ✓ State Local
<b>LinkIt! Benchmarks</b>  <i>English Language Arts (ELA) Math</i>	1-HS	Fall, Winter, Spring	Up to 60 minutes	<a href="#">LinkIt! Online Testing Preferences</a>	<a href="#">LinkIt!</a>	Fall, Winter, Spring	Federal State ✓ Local

On May 3, 2023, the State Board of Education approved the graduation ready cut score for the ELA and mathematics components of the NJGPA, as well as the menu of alternative assessments and aligned cut scores. The requirements in this section were adopted by the New Jersey State Board of Education on September 8, 2021 for the classes of 2023–2025:

Pathways Available	English Language Arts (ELA)	Mathematics
<p><b>First Pathway:</b></p> <p>Students must take and demonstrate proficiency in grade 11 on the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment, which includes content aligned to the grade 10 New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) in ELA, and the NJSLS in Algebra 1 and Geometry. If after completing the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment a student does not demonstrate proficiency on the ELA or mathematics section, the student may retake the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in the following summer or fall.</p> <p><i>**A student with disabilities whose IEP states that they are not eligible for the alternate assessment (Dynamic Learning Maps) must take the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.</i></p>	<p>New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment— ELA <math>\geq</math> 725 (Graduation Ready)</p>	<p>New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment— Mathematics <math>\geq</math> 725 (Graduation Ready)</p>
<p><b>Second Pathway:</b></p> <p><i>Note: This pathway is only available to students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.</i></p> <p>Students who sat for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11 and did not demonstrate proficiency are able to demonstrate proficiency in ELA and/or mathematics by meeting the designated cut score on</p>	<p><b>One of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACT Reading <math>\geq</math> 17</li> <li>● Accuplacer WritePlacer <math>\geq</math> 5</li> <li>● Accuplacer WritePlacer English Second Language <math>\geq</math> 4</li> <li>● PSAT10 Evidence Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) <math>\geq</math> 420</li> <li>● PSAT10 Reading <math>\geq</math> 21</li> <li>● PSAT/NMSQT EBRW <math>\geq</math> 420</li> <li>● PSAT/NMSQT Reading <math>\geq</math> 21</li> </ul>	<p><b>One of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ACT Math <math>\geq</math> 17</li> <li>● Accuplacer Elementary Algebra <math>\geq</math> 49</li> <li>● Accuplacer Next-Generation QAS <math>\geq</math> 250</li> <li>● PSAT10 Math Section of PSAT/NMSQT Math Section <math>\geq</math> 420</li> <li>● PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT</li> </ul>

<p>one of the assessments on the menu of substitute competency tests in the table for the second pathway. (right)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SAT EBRW <math>\geq</math> 450</li> <li>● SAT Reading <math>\geq</math> 23</li> </ul>	<p>Math <math>\geq</math> 21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SAT Math Section <math>\geq</math> 440</li> <li>● SAT Math Test <math>\geq</math> 22</li> </ul>
<p><b>Third Pathway:</b>  <i>Note: This pathway is only available to students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11.</i></p> <p>Students who completed the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment in grade 11 and did not demonstrate proficiency are able to demonstrate proficiency in ELA and/or mathematics through a portfolio appeal in grade 12.</p>	<p>Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for ELA</p>	<p>Meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal for Mathematics</p>

As we approach testing, the Wood-Ridge School District will provide parents/guardians with more specific ***dates and times, including make-up dates***. Most times testing will begin in the early morning or early in the day. Please note that timelines are approximate, and students with IEPs, 504s, and those identified as Multilingual Learners, will receive appropriate accommodations. Should you have any specific questions about your child’s testing environment, please contact your building principal, child study team member, or school counselor. Please visit the NJDOE website for more information on state assessments at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment>.

Sincerely,

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