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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be advised that beginning the week of May 1st, students in grades 3-8 will take the state-mandated New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA). These assessments are required by the state to be administered in the spring of this school year in order to fulfill the federal statewide assessment requirement for the 2022-2023 school year. The results from NJSLA testing are a helpful tool in measuring your child's annual progress in school, and they are just one of the many ways your child's teachers and administrators can determine whether he/she is on track to being college and career ready.

Students in grades 3-8 will take assessments in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, and students in grades 5 and 8 will also take the science assessment. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) measures your child's academic progress as correlated with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. For ELA, the assessment in third grade consists of two 75-minute units. In fourth through eighth grades, the assessment consists of two 90-minute units. For mathematics, the assessment in third through eighth grades consists of three 60-minute units. Students in grades 7 or 8 who are enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry will take the Algebra I or Geometry assessment in lieu of the mathematics grade level assessment. A student in grade 6 who is enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry is required to take both the grade 6 math assessment and the assessment of the course in which he/she is enrolled. These assessments will consist of two 90-minute units. For the science assessments for students in fifth and eighth grades, the assessment is approximately 180 minutes. The assessment will be administered over two days. Please also note that student cell phones and communication devices must be off and away during testing; and accommodations will be provided as per a student's Individualized Education Program or 504 plan.

We anticipate that a report of your child's assessment results will be provided to you in the late summer or fall, pending when results are received from the state. For your reference, the New Jersey Assessment Resource Center provides an abundance of information related to testing. This information (i.e., tutorials, practice tests, etc.) can be found at the following link: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>

The district testing schedule for the NJSLA is accessible by clicking [HERE -- MERS Spring NJSLA 2023 Testing Schedule](#) or by reviewing the schedule on the next page.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's assistant principal who serves as the School's Testing Coordinator. I am also available to assist with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District
NJSLA Testing Schedule
Spring 2023

Assessment	Grade Level	Administration Dates
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA)	Grades 3 - 8	Grades 3 - 8 Testing Dates: May 2nd and May 3rd
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment- Science (NJSLA-S)	Grades 5 & 8	Grades 5 and 8 Testing Dates: May 4th - May 5th
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Mathematics (NJSLA-M)	Grades 3 - 8	Grades 3 - 8 Testing Dates: May 9th - May 11th
The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Makeups	Grades 3 - 8	Makeups will occur throughout May.