



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals and School Staff
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Update on the Administration of Fall 2018/Spring 2019 State Assessments

On January 10, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (Department) filed a Motion for Partial Reconsideration in response to the December 31st, 2018 Superior Court, Appellate Division decision on the appeal from the 2016 adoption of amended regulations at N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment, by the New Jersey State Board of Education.

The decision held that current regulations regarding statewide assessments, specifically N.J.A.C. 6A:8-5.1(a)(6), 5.1(f) and 5.1 (g), are contrary to the intent of the statute that calls for a statewide graduation exam to be administered to 11th grade pupils. Through the Motion for Partial Reconsideration, the Department seeks relief for all students in the Classes of 2019 or 2020 who met the applicable Graduation Assessment requirements in place as of December 30, 2018.

The recent decision does not affect the *administration* of state assessments. Districts should continue to plan for and deliver *all* state assessments as scheduled for Fall Block 2018 and Spring 2019. The decision has no impact on elementary and middle school assessment administration, and high schools should continue as planned, unless notified otherwise.

Education Commissioner Lamont O. Repollet's guiding tenet is, and will continue to be, what is best for New Jersey students. The Department is committed to providing districts and parents with the most up-to-date information throughout this process to minimize disruptions to schools and students.

For your convenience, please see the recently released Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 ELA and math administration dates and other resources below. In addition to the following links, information regarding statewide assessments can also be found on the Department's Office of Assessments [webpage](#):

- [New Jersey High School Fall Block 2018-19 Test Administration Key Dates](#)
- [New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for English Language Arts \(ELA\) and Mathematics](#)
- [Statewide Assessment Unit Times](#) (Last updated 11/18/18)
- [Portfolio Appeals Process for Students Who Have Not Yet Met](#) (12/20/18)
- [New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science \(NJSLA-S\) Updates](#) (12/20/18)
- [Spring 2019 State Assessments: Important Dates and Activities](#) (12/17/18)

Questions should be directed to the Office of Assessments at assessment@doe.nj.gov or (609) 376-3960.

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