

March 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In the coming months schools across New Jersey will administer the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science.

NJSLA ELA and Mathematics

The Spring 2019 testing window is **April 8 – May 28, 2019**. These assessments will be administered in Grades 3 - 11.

NJSLA Science

The Spring 2019 testing window is **May 6 – June 7, 2019**. This assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11.

Specific information pertaining to your child's school and grade will be sent to you by the principal prior to these testing windows. The actual time and days for testing vary across grade levels and may reflect a shorter window than above.

The NJSLA assessments provide a deeper level of information about student progress than previous tests which makes them a valuable tool to measure student performance. The assessments identify areas where a student may need additional support as well as where he or she has mastered the content and can be challenged to go deeper into the subject matter. No single test can give a complete picture of achievement, but when combined with course grades and teacher reports, a clearer understanding of individual student progress is gained and performance can be monitored over time.

The Toms River Regional Schools ensures a testing environment that follows all protocols and procedures and is not disruptive to the students taking the assessments. We are committed to student achievement and these assessments raise the bar for our students to ensure they are on the path to success. We are confident that with the quality instruction delivered by our dedicated educators and your support; our students can meet and exceed these expectations.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to visit our State-Mandated Testing FAQ webpage at <http://www.trschools.com/parents/statetesting>.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Estee Mailot, Ed.D.

Director of Funded Programs/District Test Coordinator