



September 26, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades Three through Eight,

We will be administering the state-required standardized test, *New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA-ELA, NJSLA-M,)* to all students in grades three through eight. *NJSLA* is a computer-based test that will measure students' progress towards meeting the state standards. In addition to providing an overall score in Language Arts and Mathematics, the test also shows how well your child is performing in comparison to peers in his or her grade level and district. It also provides us with useful information about your child's strengths and areas for improvement. Finally, the results will provide our school with additional data, enabling us to evaluate our instructional programs in both subjects.

The *NJSLA* grade level schedule is below. Hopefully by providing these dates in advance, you will be able to schedule accordingly so your child will be in attendance on these testing days. Each day of testing will begin at approximately 8:45 AM and will end between 10:00-11:00 AM. Depending on the grade level, testing is scheduled to take five or six days, which includes two or three days of math and three days of language arts (one day includes the field test). For additional information, visit <https://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>.

**Grades 6, 7, 8 April 27 – May 1, 2020**

**Grades 3, 4 and 5 May 4 – May 8, 2020**

As per state mandate, *students in grades 5 & 8* will also take the *NJSLA-Science* test. This is a computer-based science test that assesses student knowledge and application skills in three clusters; life science, physical science, and earth science. This assessment will take place over the course of two days. Test administration will begin at approximately 8:45 AM and last for approximately 1.5 hours each day.

The schedule for this testing will be as follows:

**Grades 5 and 8 May 11 and May 12, 2020**

As in the past, please ensure that your child reports to school promptly on testing days. Tardy students will not be able to be tested and will have to take the test during make-up testing days. A good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast will help your child to do his/her best. At

Woodrow Wilson, teachers have been providing students with appropriate learning experiences focused on the state standards as well as information about the *NJSLA* to prepare for this testing experience.

Finally, if you have further questions or concerns specific to your child and the *NJSLA*, please contact me at [moconnor@neptunecityschool.org](mailto:moconnor@neptunecityschool.org). Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

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