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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In this document you will find information regarding the administration of the state/federally mandated standardized assessments for the 2023-2024 school year. Please refer to the District website for the specific testing dates for each school in West Deptford. I have also enclosed some information about our in-house District assessments.

Mandatory Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

New Jersey has administered statewide assessments since the 1970s, and over the years, the testing program has evolved. It began as a measure of basic skills, and after 1996, it has assessed the state's academic standards. In 2001, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, every state was required to test students in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11. That mandate is still in effect under Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

(NJDOE resource: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>)

| Assessment Subject Area and Grade Levels | Statewide Range of Administration & Duration | Requirement | Resources |
|---|---|---------------------------|---|
| NJSLA Grades 3-9 ELA & Mathematics (Spring) | Computer Administration 4/29/24 thru 5/31/24 Paper Administration 4/29/24 thru 5/31/24 | State Required Assessment | For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |
| New Jersey State Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJSGPA) Grade 12 Grade 11 | Anticipated Date: 10/12/23 thru 10/13/23 3/11/24 thru 3/14/24 | State Required Assessment | For more information please visit https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/njgpa/ |
| Portfolio Appeals Grade 12 | Appeal Process 1/2/24 thru 4/26/24 | State Required Assessment | For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |

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| NJSLA-Science Grades 5, 8 & 11 (Spring) | Computer & Paper Administration 4/29/24 thru 5/31/24 | State Required Assessment | For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |
| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) ELA & Mathematics Grades 3-8, and 11 Science Grades 5, 8, 11 (Spring) | Administration Range 4/8/24 thru 5/31/24 | State Required Assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in ELA and mathematics | DLM http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage |
| ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English Language Proficiency Assessment Grades K-12 | Computer Administration Range 2/5/24 thru 3/29/24 Testing Time: See Guidelines (Varies based on student needs) | State Required Assessment for students who are identified as English Language Learners (ELLs) | WIDA (ACCESS for ELLs) Parent Handout |

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If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodation by their IEP, parents/guardians should contact their classroom teacher, guidance department, and/or their child's case manager for additional details on the specific accommodations and accessibility options. The resources for testing accommodations can be accessed through the following [LINK](#).

In West Deptford Township Schools, we also use a variety of vendor-based assessments to monitor our students and their progress. The following assessments will be administered to our students over the course of the 2023-2024 school year. The testing windows for these assessments are subject to change. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to know if the testing window has changed.

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| Acadience K-4 | <p><u>Fall:</u> 9/18/23 thru 10/6/23</p> <p><u>Winter:</u> 1/16/24 thru 2/2/24</p> <p><u>Spring:</u> 5/13/24 thru 5/31/24</p> | An in-house assessment that measures the acquisition of early literacy. | https://acadiencelarning.org/acadience.html |
| OLSAT Grade 3 - OLSAT Grade 5 - | <p>Computer Assessment</p> <p>10/13/23</p> <p>10/20/23 thru 10/27/23</p> | An in-house assessment which measures cognitive abilities that relate to a student's academic success in school. By assessing a student's verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative ability, OLSAT supplies educators with valuable information to enhance the insights gained from traditional achievement tests | https://www.testingmom.com/tests/olsat-test/sample-olsat-practice-questions/?so=4&ca=search&sc=olsat&msclkid=fc4ab1c7a4501f0e4b3bec4c19385653 |

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| LinkIt! Grades K-4 ELA & Math | <p><u>Form A: Grades 3-4</u> 9/11/23 thru 9/29/23</p> <p><u>Form B: Grades K-4</u> 1/8/24 thru 1/22/24</p> <p><u>Form C: Grades K-4</u> 4/29/24 thru 5/31/24</p> | An in-house computer-based benchmark assessments administered three times a year to assess students understanding of grade level standards. | https://www.linkit.com/products-services/assessment-solutions#Assessment-Content |
| LinkIt! Grades 5-8 ELA & Math | <p><u>Form A:</u> 9/7/23 thru 9/22/23</p> <p><u>Form B:</u> 2/12/24 thru 2/29/24</p> <p><u>Form C:</u> 5/1/24 thru 5/31/24</p> | | |
| LinkIt! Grades 9-12 ELA & Math | <p><u>Form A:</u> 9/14/23 thru 9/15/23</p> <p><u>Form B:</u> 2/14/24 thru 2/15/24</p> <p><u>Form C:</u> 5/22/24 thru 5/23/24</p> | | |
| AP Testing Grades 9-12 | 5/6/24 thru 5/17/24 | Assessment Culmination of a year-long Advanced Placement courses. | https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/exploreap/for-parents |

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, principal or myself. We are here to serve your child's educational needs and want for you to feel welcomed to query their educational journey through West Deptford Township Schools.

Fondly yours,

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