



2024-2025 Empowerment Academy Assessment Information to Parents and General Public

Thursday, September 18, 2024

New Jersey school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects are required by statute (N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 of any statewide student assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year. If after October 1 it is decided that an additional commercially-developed standardized assessment will be administered, then the information shall be shared with parents as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments).

Key:

- **Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features** refers to the manual that outlines the accommodations and accessibility options available for the test.
- **Required by State, Federal or Local** whether the assessment is required or mandated by state federal or local district.
- **Sample Questions** provides a link to sample items/questions for students to practice.
- **Testing Time Allotted per Student** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- **Testing Window** is the period of time in which districts administer the assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to the date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment. These results should be distributed to students, educators, and families as soon as possible (within 30 days of receipt of final reports for statewide assessments)

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Note: The assessments are listed in chronological order by testing window.

August through December

iReady Diagnostic Assessment

| Subject Area(s) | Grade Level Tested | Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features | Required by State, Federal, or Local | Sample Questions | Testing Time Allotted per Student | Testing Window | Results Available | Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math | Grades 3-8 | Accommodations and Accessibility Features | Local (*Not a required State Assessment) | Learning Games-iReady | No time limit | 9/3/24 to 10/15/24 | Late October | Family guide: What is i-Ready? |

NWEA MAP Growth Assessment

| Subject Area(s) | Grade Level Tested | Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features | Required by State, Federal, or Local | Sample Questions | Testing Time Allotted per Student | Testing Window | Results Available | Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math | Grades K-10 | NWEA Accessibility and Accommodations | Local (*Not a required State Assessment) | https://warmup.nwea.org/ | One unit per subject, approximately 60 minutes | 9/24/24 to 10/10/24 | Mid-Late October | Family Guide to MAP Growth |

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SSIS (Social Skills Improvement System)

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| Social & Emotional Learning | Grades K-10 | Resonant Education's survey platform prioritizes accessibility, offering features like screen reader compatibility, adjustable font sizes, and color contrast options to | Local (*Not a required State Assessment) | In English HERE in Spanish HERE | The screener takes 5-7 minutes to complete per student. | 10/28 - 11/1 | Resonant Education will have the scored results the following day after the responses are collected. The assigned administrators and counselors will be able to view the reports after | SSISCoLab |

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| | | ensure an inclusive experience for all users. Assessments forms are fully validated in both English and Spanish. | | | | | the scores are released. Results are released as requested by the guardian. | |
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January through June

ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

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| English language proficiency test | ACCESS: K-12 | WIDA Accessibility Accommodations | State and Federal | ACCESS preparing students: practice | No time limit | 2/3/25 to 3/21/25 | TBD | What is ACCESS? ¿Qué es ACCESS for ELLs? ELLs for ما هو ACCESS? |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math | Grades K-10 | NWEA Accessibility and Accommodations in MAP Growth Features FAQ | Local (*Not a required State Assessment) | https://warmup.nwea.org/ | One unit per subject, approximately 60 minutes each | 2/11/25 to 2/13/25 | Late February | Family Guide to MAP Growth Un guía familiar para MAP Growth Growth MAP دليل أولياء الأمور – اختبار مقياس التقدم الأكاديمي |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math | Grades K-10 | NWEA Accessibility | Local (*Not a required State | https://warmup.nwea.org/ | One unit per subject, | 4/29/25 to 5/22/25 | Late May | Family Guide to MAP |

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NJSLA-ELA and Math Spring

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ELA • Math | Grades 3-10 | Manual available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources | State and Federal | NJSLA Practice Tests | Available at: Unit Testing Times | 4/28/25 to 5/23/25 | TBD | Parent Resources webpage on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center |

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**NJSLA-Science**

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| Science | Grades: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 • 8 | Manual available on the New Jersey Assessments Resource Center under Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources | State and Federal | NJSLA Practice Tests | For grades 5 and 8: Four 45- minute units for a total of three hours. | 05/21/25 to 05/22/25 | TBD | NJSLA-S Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide |

***Dates are tentative and are subject to change. Families will be notified of any changes made.**

If you have any questions, you may contact your child's school Dean of Data and Assessment:

Elementary School (K-4) Ms. Song at jsong@empacad.org

Middle School (5-8) Mrs. Elbery at selbery@empacad.org

High School (9-10) Mrs. Golden at lgolden@empacad.org

or your child's school principal:

Elementary School (K-4) Mr. Messmer at cmessmer@empacad.org

Middle School (5-8) Mrs. Powell at lpowell@empacad.org

High School (9-10) Dr. Nesheiwat at jnesheiwat@empacad.org

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" being more prominent than the last name "Thomas".

Ms. Angela Thomas
Director of Education / Principal