

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This is an update on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) Spring Block testing schedule. Our revised dates are posted below. We ask that parents try to schedule their children's appointments to allow their students to be in attendance to complete regular testing on the assigned dates.

Grade	Mathematics	English/Language Arts	Science
3	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	N/A
4	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	N/A
5	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	May 8 th and 9 th
6	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	N/A
7	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	N/A
8	May 15 th , 16 th and 17 th	May 22 nd and 23 rd	May 8 th and 9 th

Where will students test?	Most students will test in their homeroom. Small group testing in alternative classrooms will be scheduled as needed.
How long is the test?	Grade 3 ELA units are 75 minutes long, Grade 4-8 ELA units are 90 minutes long. Math units are 60 minutes long for all grade levels. Science units are 45 minutes each (4 units total)
What can students do to prepare?	Relax and have a good breakfast. Remember, on every standardized test some questions are very direct, some require interpretation of data, and some students may not be familiar with. That is okay- just do their best.
What do students bring to testing?	Bring a fully charged Chromebook, pencils and a set of earbuds.
What do students leave at home?	Personal electronic devices, such as cell phones and smart watches are not permitted in testing. These items should be left at home or kept turned off in student backpacks.
When is makeup testing	Makeup testing will take place on Thursday/Friday of the assigned testing week for each content area.

The NJSLA is used to help schools identify student strengths and areas of weakness. It is one of many sources of data teachers use to help provide programs and instruction to students throughout the school year. The assessment reviews student knowledge and understanding of the standards addressed in grade level curriculum. "Teaching to the test" is not a practice followed, what we teach on a daily basis, our curriculum, contains the standards addressed within the NJSLA testing.

We ask that students just give their best effort the day of the tests. Answer every question to the best of their ability and to try to answer each question. This is an opportunity for teachers to gain another piece of data to better customize instruction to meet our children's academic needs.

Thank you,

Stephanie Snyder
Superintendent