



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: September 1, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: Principals, School Counselors, Instructional Coaches, District Test Coordinators and Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction
From: Lisa J. Gleason, Ed.D., Assistant Commissioner
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Deadline: November 9, 2021 for reporting results to local boards of education (60 days after September 10)

Spring 2021 Statewide Assessment Results: Dynamic Learning Maps and ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to thank all districts for making the spring 2021 assessment administration of the DLM and the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs a success under unprecedented circumstances.

District Receipt of Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

By September 10, 2021, paper ISRs for the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) and ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs assessments will be distributed to district central offices.

ISRs will be sent to both the sending and receiving districts for students who receive instruction at a school other than their accountable school. **Once districts receive the ISRs, a copy should be immediately mailed to parents/guardians.**

Reporting Recommendations and Requirements

The NJDOE strongly encourages school and district leaders to review, analyze and discuss all assessment results with staff as soon as possible.

Districts must report statewide assessment results to local school boards within 60 days of receipt (November 9, 2021).¹ This includes the DLM, ACCESS for ELLs, and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs results. The report must include aggregated and disaggregated subgroup data and appropriate intervention strategies.² The number of students (N size) for reporting is a minimum of 10 as per suppression rules applied to student data to protect student confidentiality. Districts must complete this reporting to meet the NJQSAC requirements for board reporting in the 2021-2022 school year. When publicly reporting assessment results, consideration should be given to the impacts of COVID-19 on learning and testing conditions, as well as the impact on student participation in the assessments, which were required to be administered in person.

Assessment results should be carefully interpreted in combination with additional indicators of achievement, considering local education conditions.

¹ Per [N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3\(a\)](#): Chief School Administrators are required to report assessment results to district boards of education within 60 days of receipt of reports

² [N.J.A.C. 6A:30](#): Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Appendix A and Appendix B

District Communication Resources

Resources to assist with the sharing of DLM results can be found on the [NJ DLM webpage](#) under the section titled “Scoring and Reporting.”

Resources to assist with the sharing of ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs results can be found on the [NJ WIDA webpage](#) under the section titled “Reporting Resources.”

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the release of spring 2021 DLM and/or ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs statewide assessment results, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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