



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: August 31, 2022
 To: Local Educational Agency Leads
 Route To: District Test Coordinators, District Technology Coordinators
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Update for Fall 2022 Start Strong Assessments

This memo provides an important update to the Start Strong assessment window and reminders about the District Test Coordinator training opportunities and resources.

Start Strong Assessment Updated Window – August 31, 2022 through October 21, 2022

The Start Strong assessments will be administered in-person from August 31, 2022 through October 21, 2022. All students, including students with disabilities who are not eligible for the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments and English Language Learners (ELLs), will be expected to participate in the Start Strong assessments. Administering the Start Strong assessments at the beginning of the school year provides the best opportunity for students, parents, and educators to make informed decisions to address learning needs. However, the New Jersey Department of Education is extending the testing window from September 30, 2022 to October 21, 2022 to allow for additional flexibility to schedule the administration of Start Strong.. More details about the Fall 2022 Start Strong assessments administration may be found in the [July 13, 2022 broadcast](#).

District Test and Technology Coordinator (DTC) Training

The NJDOE expects DTCs to familiarize themselves with the responsibilities associated with their roles, including training Test Administrators (TAs) on the proper administration of the Start Strong assessments, and ensuring the appropriate technology requirements are in place. A self-guided training presentation is currently available and has been prepared for DTCs to view and use as a companion to the Administration Policies and Test User Guides. To access the training slides, DTCs must visit the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) under **Start Strong**.

As a reminder, the Office of Assessments is holding optional online office hours to answer questions related to the administration of Start Strong. The remaining dates are as follows:

Session Dates	Session Times	Topic Emphasis
September 7, 2022	AM Session: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	AM Session: Technology
September 8, 2022	PM Session: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	PM Session: Before/During/After Testing

DTCs identified in PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN) received a memo via email with information about the procedures for accessing the virtual office hours.

Contact information

If you have any questions regarding the Fall 2022 Start Strong assessment window, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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