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Summer 2022 State Assessments: Key Dates and Information and the 2022-2023 Assessment Schedule

This memorandum provides districts with key dates and information for the Summer 2022 administration of the high school New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics and the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). Also included is information about the 2022-2023 school year assessment schedule.

Participation in the Summer NJSLA-ELA/Math and the NJGPA

Districts may choose to administer summer assessments to students who are enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing course in ELA 9 and/or Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II. Middle school students taking a high school level course in mathematics (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) during the summer may take the assessment aligned with their course.

Districts may administer state assessments to students in the graduating class of 2023 during the summer administration window to meet the graduation assessment requirements; however, it is not required. Districts are encouraged to *offer* students targeted support, such as a refresher course, prior to administering the assessments.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) acknowledges the challenges students and districts faced in administering the NJGPA with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. To ensure all members of the class of 2023 have the opportunity to take the NJGPA to meet their graduation assessment requirement, there will be an additional administration offered during the summer of 2022. The NJGPA testing window will match that for the NJSLA – July 25, 2022 to August 5, 2022. The adjusted [Statewide Assessment Testing Schedule 2021-2022](#) is available on the assessment website.

Please note that a student must test in each component of the NJGPA to access the second or third pathway for that specific component. Please see the [Graduation Assessment Requirements](#) webpage for more details.

Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) Data Upload

For Summer 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA, districts must upload student registration files directly to PearsonAccess^{next} (PAN). The initial upload window for the summer administration will open on June 10, 2022. Districts may continue to make updates to student data prior to and throughout the testing window until the district data clean-up window closes on August 19, 2022. Students taking the paper-based versions of the assessments must be included in the student registration upload.

Please take note of the following information:

- Students must be registered under the NJSLA/NJGPA-ELA/Math Summer 2022 scope in PAN.
- For students who attend an out-of-district placement, the testing site, not the accountable school, must register out-of-district students in PAN.

- Be sure that the correct Accountable District Code and Accountable School Code are used, which will be different from the Testing Site District Code and the Testing Site School Code.
- Charter schools, renaissance school projects, choice schools, and vocational-technical schools (for students who attend full time) are the accountable districts and accountable schools for their students.

Test Coordinator and Test Administrator Manuals

Testing policies and procedures for Summer 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA match those of the Spring 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA. Therefore, the Spring 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA test coordinator test administrator manuals will be used for the Summer 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA. These manuals, with other helpful resources, can be found on the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) webpage under: **Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources**. Please note that districts will not receive paper copies of the test coordinator and test administrator manuals.

Paper Test Materials

All paper-based test materials must be ordered through the additional orders process, which will begin on June 27, 2022. Districts must specify the exact number of individual test kits required.

NJSLA and NJGPA are computer-based assessments, and most students should take the assessment on a computer. Students who are unable to use a computer, based on a need documented in a valid Section 504 Plan or Individualized Education Program (IEP), will take the assessment using paper and pencil. The NJDOE will review the SR/PNP uploads and may contact districts to verify the accuracy of the student counts and test delivery modes if anomalies are detected.

Students receiving homebound instruction are not required to take the NJSLA or NJGPA using paper-based versions of the assessments. Districts have the option of administering the computer-based assessment to students receiving homebound instruction by using a district-supplied portable electronic device and a mobile hotspot. Additional information can be found in the Homebound Test Administration Procedures document, which can be found on the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) webpage under: **Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources > Testing Resources**.

For more information regarding important dates, please review the complete list for [Summer 2022 NJSLA/NJGPA key dates](#).

2022-23 Assessment Schedule

The [schedule](#) for the statewide assessment program for the 2022-2023 school year is now available. Please note that certain assessment windows have been shortened due to improved technology availability in districts.

If you have questions regarding the summer assessments or the 2022-2023 assessment schedule, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

Additional Resources

- [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#)
- [NJDOE ELA and Math Resources for Districts](#)
- [PearsonAccess^{next} Online Support](#)
- [Technology Setup](#)

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