



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Education Agency Leads

Route To: Principals, School Counselors, Instructional Coaches, District Test Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction

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Deadlines: *N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b)*: 30 days for mailing paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) to parents/guardians upon receipt of results
N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): 60 days for reporting results to local school boards of education upon receipt of results

Spring 2022 New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment Results

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to thank all districts for making the first administration of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA) a success. The legislation signed by Governor Murphy on July 5, 2022 requires the State Board of Education to designate the NJGPA administered in spring 2022 as a field test. The assessment results are being provided to districts for informational purposes and curricular review. Districts are encouraged to review these results in conjunction with locally administered assessments to determine the optimum mechanism to support learning and mastery of our state's rigorous standards.

District Receipt of Individual Student Reports (ISRs)

By October 18, 2022, ISRs for NJGPA will be distributed to district central offices. There is a single ISR for each student with the results for each component of the NJGPA.

ISRs will be sent to both the sending and receiving districts for students who receive their instruction at a school other than their accountable school. **Once districts receive the ISRs, a copy must be mailed to parents/guardians within 30 days, which will be November 18, 2022.**¹ The NJDOE encourages districts to share the ISRs with students' families as soon as practicable to facilitate the timely distribution of student results. To support these communication efforts, a sample parent cover letter is linked in the district communication resources section of this broadcast.

District and State Reporting

Summative and summary files were made available electronically to assigned school and district staff on October 12, 2022. The NJDOE strongly encourages school and district leaders to review, analyze and discuss all assessment results with staff as soon as possible. While these results provide valuable information for planning purposes, P.L.2022, c.60 (ACS for A-3196/S-2349) prohibits the results of the NJGPA field test from being used as a prerequisite for graduation for students expected to graduate in the class of 2023.

¹ Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b): Chief school administrators shall provide educators, parents, and students with the results of annual assessments as required under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2(a), within 30 days of receipt of information from the Department.

Reporting Requirement

Districts must report statewide assessment results to local school boards within 60 days of receipt, which will be December 19, 2022.² This includes NJGPA results. The report must include aggregated and disaggregated subgroup data, comparative analyses, and appropriate intervention strategies.³ The number of students for reporting is a minimum of 10 as per suppression rules applied to student data to protect student confidentiality.

For district awareness, the NJDOE plans to publicly release statewide district- and school-level data and school-level participation and performance data disaggregated by student subgroup in due course.

District Communication Resources

To support your efforts, the NJDOE has developed the following resources to assist districts in communicating statewide assessment results with educators, boards of education, and parents/guardians:

- Sample cover letter for mailing of NJGPA ISRs can be found on the [NJSLA Resources for Districts webpage](#).
- Score report interpretation guide for NJGPA will be posted to the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) under Educator Resources > Educator Reporting Resources no later than October 19, 2022.
- A sample PowerPoint template for reporting statewide assessment results to local boards of education will be made available no later than October 31, 2022 and can be accessed on the NJDOE's [Assessment webpage](#) under the tab **NJSLA > NJSLA Resources for Districts**.

Online Portal with Video Score Reports

In addition to the paper ISRs, the 2022 NJGPA results will be accessible in the online portal for parents/guardians on or about November 4, 2022. The portal also allows for parents/guardians to view their student's historic scores, beginning with the spring 2019 assessment results.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding the release of spring 2022 NJGPA results, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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² Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): Chief School Administrators shall report final results of annual assessments to district boards of education and members of the public at a public meeting within 60 days of receipt of information from the Department.

³ N.J.A.C. 6A:30: Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Appendix A and B.