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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

Route To: District Testing Coordinators, District Technology Coordinators, School Test Coordinators

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NJSLA-Adaptive and NJGPA-Adaptive Fall 2025 Field Test Information

This memorandum provides local educational agencies (LEAs) and approved private schools for students with disabilities (APSSDs) with additional information about the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive) and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive) Fall 2025 Field Test.

Fall Field Test Participation

As shared in the [2025-2026 Statewide Assessment Schedule and Announcement of the New Statewide Assessments](#) broadcast released on August 13, 2025, the rollout of the new statewide assessments for English language arts (ELA) and mathematics will begin with the NJSLA-Adaptive and the NJGPA-Adaptive fall field test. **All LEAs and APSSDs with eligible students are required to participate in the fall field test, which is scheduled to take place from October 27 through November 14, 2025.** There will be no testing on November 4, 6, 7, or 11. For your reference, this timeframe, along with the complete 2025-2026 assessment schedule, is available on the [Statewide Assessment Testing Schedule 2025-2026](#).

During the fall field test, participating students will be taking a sampling of items and not a complete test for any subject. These field tests are intended to sample and evaluate various types of test items for future potential use and to provide New Jersey educators and students with an opportunity to become familiar with the assessments and their administration.

Field test results are not provided to students, educators, or schools because the primary purpose of a field test is to evaluate the quality and performance of test items—not to measure student achievement. A field test is administered to ensure that test items are valid, reliable, and fair for all students. The data collected helps the state and test developers analyze how questions function across diverse student populations, refine scoring models, and improve the overall quality of the assessment before it is officially used for reporting purposes. The field test will also provide New Jersey educators and students with an opportunity to become familiar with the assessments and their administration before operational testing in spring 2026.

Mandatory Training

For additional information on mandatory training sessions and optional training modules, please see the Department's August 22, 2025 [broadcast](#) *NJSLA-Adaptive and NJGPA-Adaptive Fall 2025 Field Test: Mandatory Training, and other Resources*.

Frequently Asked Questions Webpage

In response to the questions that have been shared since the announcement of the new statewide assessments for ELA and mathematics, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) webpage has been created. This webpage includes questions and answers related to the fall field test, training opportunities, adaptive testing, and testing for districts operating on a block schedule. As additional questions are shared and more information is available, this webpage will be updated.

The FAQs are available on the [Assessment webpage](#).

Contact Information

For questions, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

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