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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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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 Participation and Timing**

This memorandum provides local education agencies (LEAs) and approved private schools for students with disabilities (APSSDs) with information about the length of the units and who must participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive) and New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-Adaptive) Fall 2025 Field Test.

### **Who Must Participate in the Fall 2025 Field Test**

Students who meet the following criteria must participate in the fall field test:

- NJSLA-Adaptive
  - English Language Arts (ELA)
    - Students currently enrolled in grades 4-10.
  - Mathematics
    - Students currently enrolled in grades 4-9; and
    - Students who were enrolled in Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 in the 2024-2025 school year.
- NJGPA-Adaptive
  - ELA
    - Students currently enrolled in grade 11.
  - Mathematics
    - There is no specific field test for the NJGPA-Adaptive-Mathematics assessment. The mathematics component will pull items from the NJSLA-Adaptive Algebra 1 and Geometry item banks. These items are being field tested as described above.

Each student will receive questions aligned to the grade prior to their current enrollment. For example, a grade 4 student would receive items aligned to standards from grade 3. This method ensures that each student would have had the opportunity to learn the material prior to the Fall 2025 Field Test. For the end-of-course mathematics field test, students will receive items aligned to the course they were enrolled in during the 2024-2025 school year.

**Units and Testing Times**

Students participating in the Fall 2025 Field Test will each be assigned no more than one mathematics unit, one reading unit, and one writing task based on the participation guidelines.

Most students – including all students in grades 4-9 – will be assigned exactly one mathematics unit, one reading unit, and one writing task, for a total of four hours of field testing as outlined in Table 1 below. Students in grades 10-11 will be assigned exactly one ELA reading unit, one ELA writing task, and their math assignment will depend on the course they took in the 2024-2025 school year as outlined above. Students in grade 12 will not be assigned any ELA units, and their math assignment will depend on the course they took in the 2024-2025 school year as outlined above.

**Table1: Fall 2025 Field Test Unit Testing Times**

Unit	Unit Testing Time
ELA – Reading	60 minutes
ELA – Writing	120 minutes
Mathematics	60 minutes

Districts may administer up to a maximum of two (2) units per day for a student. The testing platform allows additional flexibility to provide students breaks during testing time. At the test administrator’s discretion, students may be provided one ten-minute break during the ELA-Writing unit.

The New Jersey Department of Education will continue to provide training and support materials to ensure a smooth transition and successful testing experience for all users. For additional information on training, please see the Department’s September 12, 2025 [broadcast](#) *NJSLA-Adaptive and NJGPA-Adaptive Fall 2025 Field Test Training Information Update*.

**Contact Information**

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