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Updated Assessment Resources Available Based on Feedback from the 2026 Administrations

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is committed to continuously improving the statewide assessment experience for students, educators, and district testing staff. Following the successful implementation of the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A) and the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments- Adaptive (NJSLA-A) this past Spring, the NJDOE has carefully reviewed feedback received from districts before, during, and after testing and has incorporated that feedback into planning for future administrations. As a result, districts can expect enhanced training opportunities, clearer administration guidance, improved resource accessibility, and expanded support designed to help ensure a smooth and consistent testing experience statewide. Resources are available on the Assessment website for [NJSLA-Adaptive/NJGPA-Adaptive](#) and the [New Jersey Assessments Portal](#). New and enhanced resources will be posted to these sites as they become available.

This broadcast provides districts with an overview of steps the NJDOE is taking to strengthen assessment administration based on feedback from the spring 2026 adaptive assessment administrations. Districts should review the updated adaptive assessment resources available on the NJDOE Assessment website and the New Jersey Assessments Portal, share relevant materials with district and school testing staff, and monitor TIDE and other NJDOE communications for additional training opportunities, updated guidance, and new resources.

Expanded Training and Clarification Opportunities

To support districts in preparing for future assessment administrations, NJDOE is strengthening opportunities for test coordinators and technology staff to receive additional guidance beyond required annual training. Building on feedback received from the field, the NJDOE introduced targeted enhancement sessions that focused on commonly requested topics, including assessment terminology, administration procedures, testing irregularities, and frequently asked questions. Moving forward, the NJDOE will continue to leverage district feedback to identify areas requiring additional clarification and provide supplemental guidance where needed. In addition, NJDOE will continue sending ongoing communications through TIDE and other established channels to highlight new resources, updates, and training materials as they become available.

Clearer Administration Guidance

One of the key themes identified through stakeholder feedback was the need for additional clarity in certain test administration instructions. In response, the NJDOE has reviewed administration procedures and refined guidance to reduce the potential for confusion during testing. Updates are being incorporated into assessment scripts and supporting materials to provide clearer directions for administering and transitioning between assessment sessions. These adjustments are intended to support greater consistency across districts while ensuring students have a clear understanding of testing expectations. The NJDOE has also enhanced guidance related to test administration decisions and corrective actions, providing districts with additional information and support when addressing unique testing situations.

Enhanced Assessment Resources

The NJDOE continues to improve the way assessment information is organized and delivered to educators. As part of this effort, assessment resources are being reviewed, updated, and reorganized to improve usability and accessibility.

Recent enhancements include:

- A dedicated [Educators](#) section within the New Jersey Assessment Portal.
- Improved organization of administration manuals, scripts, practice tests, and instructional resources for [Educators](#), [Testing Personnel](#) and [Technology Coordinators](#).
- Consolidated access to adaptive assessment [resources](#) and reference materials.
- Updated assessment terminology and naming conventions across resources and communications.
- Streamlined navigation designed to help educators more easily locate the information they need.
- Additional [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to address common questions and provide quick access to key information for different audiences.

These improvements reflect the NJDOE's ongoing efforts to make assessment resources more intuitive, easier to navigate, and better aligned with the needs of educators and testing personnel. Districts are encouraged to review the updated resources and share them with staff responsible for assessment administration, instruction, and technology support.

A Responsive Approach to Supporting Districts

The NJDOE views stakeholder feedback as an essential component of continuous improvement. Feedback received through assessment inbox inquiries, coordinator outreach, training sessions, and post-administration discussions directly informs decisions about future enhancements to assessment guidance, communications, training, and resources. In addition to direct feedback received, the NJDOE established the District Test Coordinator (DTC) Advisory Committee. The DTC Advisory Committee will continue to review and provide feedback on test administration materials, including manuals, forms, and presentations. This collaborative process will ensure that test administration materials are not only effective and user-friendly but also aligned with the needs of district and school personnel, thereby supporting consistent, accurate, and successful implementation of statewide assessments.

As schools prepare for the next assessment cycle, NJDOE will continue to refine training materials, provide clearer administration resources, improve portal functionality, and maintain responsive communication to support successful assessment administration for all students.

Contact information

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