



# STAFFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments 2021-2022**

September 16, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Distinguishing what our students should know, be able to do and understand, includes both formative (monitoring) and summative (evaluating) type of assessments.

The Stafford Township Schools formatively assess *for* student learning in a wide variety of ways, such as a classroom work samples, teacher constructed assessments and student/group projects. As a learning community, we believe that our students' classroom experiences, interacting with their teachers on a daily basis and their performance on teacher-developed assessments provide a clear and well-round picture of students' achievement.

Our school district also administers summative assessments *of* student learning that can be either state mandated and/or commercially developed. Summative assessments record the status of student learning at certain points in a student's academic career-at the end of a school year, at certain grades, etc.

As required by statute, *N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6*, all school districts must provide parents or guardians certain information on any state assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year. The table attached is state and commercially developed standardized assessments that will be administered throughout the 2021-2022 school year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's principal or myself.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Bush  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, the below information is being made available with respect to specific information on Federal, State assessments or commercially developed standardized assessments that **may** be administered to your child during the school year. **Please note, not all students will be administered all listed assessments.** Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s guidance counselor or building administrator should you have any questions. Click on underlined wording to access additional links.

Assessment Name	Subject Area/Grade Level Tested	Number of Testing Administrations in District/Testing Window	Testing Time Allotted per student/Testing Mode	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment	Information about Available Accommodations & Accessibility*	Required by
<b>Start Strong Assessments</b>	English Language Arts & Mathematics Grade 4 and 5  English Language Arts, Mathematics & Science Grade 6	Tested 1 time in district  September 13, 2021 to October 22, 2021	45-60 minutes per subject assessment  Online only	TBD	<a href="#">Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage.</a>	<a href="#">Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
<b>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – ELA (NJSLA-ELA)</b>  <b>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Mathematics (NJSLA-Math)</b>	English Language Arts & Mathematics  Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6	Tested 1 time in district  April 25, 2022 to June 3, 2022	(Computer Based/paper optional) ELA Grade 3: 2 units-75 min/unit Grade 4-6 2 units-90 min/unit  Math Grade 3-6 3 units-60 min/unit	TBD	For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>	<a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
<b>New Jersey Student Learning Assessment- Science (NJSLA-S)</b>	Science Grade 5	Tested 1 time in district  April 25, 2022 to June 3, 2022	(Computer Based/paper optional)  Science Four units-45 min/unit	TBD	For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>	<a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
<b>Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model</b>	English Language Arts & Mathematics Grades 3-6  Science Grade 5	Tested 1 time in district  April 1, 2022 to May 27, 2022	(Computer Based) Time varies by student needs  ELA-9 testlets (Grades 3-6)  Math-8 testlets (Grade 3-5) 7 testlets (Grade 6)  Science-9 testlets (Grade 5)	TBD	For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	Federal Government/ State Government

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Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded (IE) Assessments <i>(optional)</i>	English Language Arts & Mathematics Grades 3-6  Science Grade 5	Tested 1 time in district  September 13, 2021 to December 17, 2021	Online  10-15 minutes per testlet (number of testlets vary by student)	Immediately	<a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>	For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
Access for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate Access for ELLs English Language Proficiency Test	Grade K-6 Listening, Speaking, Reading & Writing	Tested 1 time in district  February 12, 2022 to April 8, 2022	There is no time limit  Paper: Grade K (and by request) Online: Grades 1-6; (writing portion is paper grades 1-3)	TBD	<a href="#">Parent Information Handout (Translations available)</a>  <a href="#">Reports Information</a>	<a href="#">WIDA Accessibility Accommodations</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)	Grade 4  Reading and Mathematics	Tested 1 time in district  January 31, 2022 to March 4, 2022	Digital-based platform; occasionally paper/pencil administration  3 60-minute blocks	National results available on even numbered years. State results available on odd numbered years. No student or district results	For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>  <a href="http://www.nationsreportcard.gov">www.nationsreportcard.gov</a>	<a href="#">NAEP Accommodations</a>	Federal Government/ State Government
InView-Test of Cognitive Skills	Grade 2	Tested 1 time in district  <u>Spring 2022</u> April 5 and April 6 Make up April 7	Paper and Pencil 5 units/150 min divided over 2 days	Spring 2022 (letter will go out to call for score)	<a href="https://terranova3.com/inview/">https://terranova3.com/inview/</a>	N/A	State Government/ Local District
Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA-2)	Grade K to 3  Grade 4 to 6 (optional)	Tested 2 to 3 times in district  Fall 2021 & Spring 2022 *some mid-year, as needed	Administered 1:1  Time varies by student	Discuss with teacher	<a href="#">DRA Information</a>	<a href="#">DRA Information</a>	Local District
WIDA Screener or Kindergarten W-APT	Grades 1 to 6  Kindergarten	As needed, to identify English Language Learners	Paper-based or Online Assessment  Administered 1:1 (80-85 minutes; 30 minutes for K)	After testing, to determine services needed	<a href="#">Parent Information</a>	<a href="#">Accessibility &amp; Accommodations Information</a>	Local District

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I-Ready	Grades K-6 Reading and Mathematics	3x times year  September 7-September 17, 2021  January 10-January 21, 2022  May 16-May 27, 2022	Online Assessment Time Varies based on Student needs	Results sent after testing window/Discuss with teacher	<a href="#">Additional I-Ready Information</a>	<a href="#">I-Ready Features</a>	Local District
Math Benchmark Assessments	Grades 1 to 6 (optional 20-21) Math	Various # of times tested in district  September 2021 and after completion of last grade level unit	Paper or Online Assessment  Time varies by student	Discuss with teacher	Additional information on math program and assessments:  <a href="#">K-5 enVision Math</a>  <a href="#">Grade 6 enVision Math</a>	As needed per IEP/504	Local District
School Wide Summative Assessment	Grades 2-6 English Language Arts	After completion of specific reading units	Paper/Pencil Time varies	Discuss with teacher	<a href="#">Schoolwide Information</a>	As needed per IEP/504	Local District
Achieve 3000 Level Sets	Grades 3-6 Reading	Tested 2-3 times in district  A pre-, interim (only for some students), and post-test are done for progress monitoring	Online Time Varies by student	Discuss with teacher	<a href="#">Achieve Information</a>	N/A	Local District
Gates MacGinitie Reading Test	Grade 6 Reading/Vocabulary	Tested 2 times in district  September 2021 and May 2022	2 units/55 min	Discuss with teacher	<a href="#">Additional Gates MacGinitie Information</a>	N/A	Local District

*\*Parents of students who are permitted accommodations or modifications as per their Individualized Education Plan (IEP), 504, or English as a Second Language (ESL) status will be contacted by their guidance office, child study team case manager, ESL instructor, or building administration with additional information regarding accommodations and accessibility options.*