

Dear Crusader Family,

We are writing to inform you about the 2025 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) schedule, which will be administered to students in grades 3-9 and 11. The assessments will cover English/Language Arts (ELA), Math, and Science. Please refer to the schedule below for the testing dates for your child's school and grade level.

### **Why is Testing Important?**

NJSLA scores are important because they help schools and districts understand how well students are learning key subjects like math, reading, and science. These scores give teachers and school leaders valuable information to improve education and support students. For parents and students, taking the test seriously is important because it shows areas of strength and where extra help might be needed, helping students stay on track for success in future grades and beyond.

NJSLA scores can significantly impact a district's reputation because they are a key measure of how well students are performing academically. In some cases, NJSLA scores can also affect a district's funding, as state and federal education programs sometimes use test results to determine financial support for schools.

### **Testing Schedule and Procedures**

Testing will begin in the morning following breakfast, and all schools will operate on adjusted schedules during the assessment period. Your child must arrive at school on time each testing day, as all students in a testing group will begin simultaneously. Please note that testing times are not flexible. Students who arrive late will not be allowed to join the session and will have to make up the test at a later date. In the event of a delayed opening or school closure due to inclement weather, testing will be rescheduled.

### **Resources for Preparation**

The New Jersey Department of Education provides several resources to help students prepare for the assessments. We encourage you to explore the [ELA, Math, and Science resources](#) with your child to ensure they feel ready and confident.

### **Supporting Your Child During Testing**

We will explain the testing procedures to students to help ease any anxiety they may have. You can help us ensure a smooth testing experience by taking the following steps:

1. **Ensure a Good Night's Sleep:** A well-rested student is better able to focus and perform their best.
2. **Prepare Necessary Items:** If your child wears glasses, hearing aids, or other necessary items, please make sure they bring them on testing days.
3. **Provide Encouragement:** While it's important to encourage your child to do their best, please try not to place too much emphasis on test scores to avoid added stress.

If you have any questions or concerns about the testing process, please feel free to contact your child's counselor. We appreciate your support in helping your child have a positive and successful testing experience.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Lafayette Testing Schedule

Grade	Test	Date	Total Testing Units	Testing Units per Day	Length of Unit
3	ELA	May 12-13, 2025	2	1	75 minutes
3	Math	May 14-16, 2025	3	1	60 minutes

### Smalley Testing Schedule

Grade	Test	Date	Total Testing Units	Testing Units per Day	Length of Unit
4	ELA	May 5-6, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
4	Math	May 7-9, 2025	3	1	60 minutes
5	ELA	May 5-6, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
5	Math	May 7-9, 2025	3	1	60 minutes
5	Science	May 12-13, 2025	4	2	45 minutes
6	ELA	May 5-6, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
6	Math	May 7-9, 2025	3	1	60 minutes

### Community Middle School Testing Schedule

Grade	Test	Date	Total Testing Units	Testing Units per Day	Length of Unit
7	ELA	May 12-13, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
7	Math	May 14-16, 2025	3	1	60 minutes
8	ELA	May 12-13, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
8	Math - 8	May 14-16, 2025	3	1	60 minutes
8	Algebra 1	May 14-15, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
8	Science	May 19-20, 2025	4	2	45 minutes

### Bound Brook High School Testing Schedule

Grade	Test	Date	Total Testing Units	Testing Units per Day	Length of Unit
9	ELA	May 15-16, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
9	Algebra 1	May 19-20, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
9	Geometry	May 19-20, 2025	2	1	90 minutes
11	Science	May 19-20, 2025	4	2	60 minutes