Summer 2019 State Assessments: Important Dates and Activities Schedule

This memorandum provides school districts with a schedule and information for the Summer 2019 administration of New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics at the high-school level.

For Summer 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is providing districts the opportunity to administer the NJSLA for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, ELA 9, ELA 10 and ELA 11.

District Administration Requirements Reminder
Districts must administer summer assessments to students who are enrolled for the first time in a district approved, credit-bearing course in ELA 9, ELA 10, and/or Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, if the math courses are for grade 9 or grade 10 credits. Middle school students taking a high school level course in math (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) during the summer must take the summer assessment. Also, for summer 2019, districts may administer grade 11 state assessments however, it is not required.

Student Graduation Requirements Reminder
As a reminder, according to the recent Consent Order from the Appellate Division of the Superior Court, students in the classes of 2019 through 2022 now have the same graduation assessment requirements that were in place for the Classes of 2017 and 2018. Therefore, students in the Classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 are not required to take all state assessments in ELA and mathematics before they are eligible to utilize the pathways outlined in the New Jersey High School Assessment Graduation Requirements. Districts are encouraged to offer remediation and support to students who do not meet the proficiency requirements.

Please save Spring 2019 NJSLA Test Coordinator and Test Administrator Manuals, as they will be used for the Summer 2019 NJSLA administration.

Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) Data Upload
Districts are now able to upload their student registration files directly to the PearsonAccessnext online portal. Students taking the paper-based versions of the assessments must be included in the student registration upload.

Please see the following SR/PNP reminders:

- A student’s accountable district is responsible for uploading the student registration and personal needs profile (SR/PNP). A district is considered a student’s accountable district and testing district if a student is enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing course:
  - provided in their own district, or
  - not provided by a New Jersey public school (e.g., online course or private school provided courses).

- If a student is enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing summer course at a neighboring public-school district, it is considered a temporary out-of-district placement (ODP). This temporary summer ODP is responsible
for the upload of the SR/PNP to the assessment administration platform, and for testing the student. In this case, the student’s district is the responsible/accountable district and the neighboring district or the ODP providing the summer course is the testing district.

• Charter and Renaissance schools are both the accountable districts and accountable schools for their students. Please do not designate the local school district associated with the student’s residential address as the accountable district or accountable school for students attending charter or Renaissance schools.

Materials: Ordering and Shipment to Districts

Paper-based test materials must be ordered through the additional orders process, which will begin on July 1, 2019. The NJDOE will review the SR/PNP data submitted by districts to PearsonAccessnext and may contact districts to verify the accuracy of the student counts or delivery mode if any anomalies are detected. For more information regarding summer administration key dates, please review the Summer 2019 State Assessment Administration Key Dates document.

Districts will receive paper materials for testing (manuals, test booklets and answer folders, mathematics reference sheets, large print and Braille test booklets) no later than five days after placing the additional order. Districts must specify the exact number of individual test booklets required.

If you have questions regarding the summer assessments, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or assessment@doe.nj.gov.

Additional Resources

• NJSLA Resource Center
• PearsonAccessNext Online Support
• NJDOE ELA and Math Resources for Districts

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   Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., Commissioner
   NJDOE Staff
   Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
   Garden State Coalition of Schools
   NJ LEE Group