



**LAKEHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LAKEHURST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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October 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) is the state assessment being administered throughout New Jersey. NJSLA is based on the core belief that assessments should work as a tool for enhancing teaching and learning. These assessments are aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards which describe what students need to know across core content areas including Mathematics and English Language Arts, as well as the skills and knowledge that cut across content such as technology, life skills and career readiness. For more information, please visit <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/> and <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>.

The NJSLA-English Language Arts assesses student proficiency in reading and analyzing passages from authentic fiction and nonfiction texts. The assessment emphasizes the importance of close reading, synthesizing ideas within and across texts, determining the meaning of words and phrases in context and writing at every grade level.

The NJSLA-Math measures student competencies in the content and practice in mathematics for grade or course, as well as grade-appropriate mathematical reasoning and modeling.

The NJSLA-Science measures student proficiency in science according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards require schools to teach students to use science and engineering practices, to make sense of phenomena, and to design solutions to problems.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Stephanie Rucci  
Vice Principal

*(Please see reverse side to view the testing schedule)*

## Lakehurst School District

### Statewide Assessment Dates for the 2019-2020 School Year

Assessment/ Subject Area	Dates/Time	Grades
NJSLA-Language Arts	May 6, 2020 May 7, 2020 May 8, 2020 (Field Test) 1 Unit per day (75 minutes per unit)	3 <sup>rd</sup>
NJSLA-Language Arts	May 6, 2020 May 7, 2020 May 8, 2020 (Field Test) 1 Unit per day (90 minutes per unit)	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup>
NJSLA-Language Arts	May 6, 2020 May 7, 2020 May 8, 2020 (Field Test) 1 Unit per day (90 minutes per unit)	6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
NJSLA-Math	May 13, 2020 May 14, 2020 May 15, 2020 1 Unit per day (60 minutes per unit)	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>
NJSLA-Algebra I	May 13, 2020 May 14, 2020 1 Unit per day (90 minutes per unit)	8 <sup>th</sup> -Algebra I students
NJSLA-Science	May 27, 2020 May 28, 2020 2 Units per day (45 minutes per unit)	5 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>

\*\*Any students who receive services through an Individualized Education Plan or a Section 504 plan will receive specified accommodations throughout the duration of testing.



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October 2, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This year our district has been randomly selected to participate in the English Language Arts (ELA) Field Test for the Spring 2020 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA). Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program. Field test items do not count towards a student's score.

**What is Field Testing?** The main purpose of field testing is to “test the test questions” to ensure that all questions that appear on operational assessments do a good job of measuring the content and skills they are intended to measure. The field testing also ensures the questions are clear and fair to all students. Every question goes through multiple rounds of review by assessment professionals and committees that include New Jersey educators prior to being field tested. A final determination regarding the quality of each question is made only after it has been included in a test taken by students and the resulting field-test data has been analyzed.

**How is Field Testing Implemented in New Jersey?** For math field testing, an embedded census field testing model is used. This means that all tested students in all New Jersey schools respond to a few field test questions that are embedded within an operational unit. Each math field test set consists of five to ten questions, depending on how many points each question in each set is worth. In math, like ELA, the field test questions are distributed in different positions across the testing units in each form, so students don't know which questions “count” towards their score and therefore expend a similar amount of effort while answering all questions.

For ELA, New Jersey samples approximately one-third of schools across the state. Each tested student in a sampled school takes one ELA field test unit, or section. The field test unit may contain a Narrative Writing Task unit, Literary Analysis Task unit, or Research Simulation Task unit, and may appear as the first, second, or third unit on the test. This helps ensure that students do not know which questions “count” toward their score and which are field test questions, and therefore expend a similar amount of effort while answering all questions.

Schools are selected for ELA field testing so that the annual sample is representative of the state's overall testing population in terms of achievement and demographics. All students in tested grades in the district will participate in the field test. Students taking the ELA field test will be given a total of three units instead of two units. The district has taken this into account in planning the Spring 2020 testing schedule. Districts that were selected to participate in the field testing this year will not be required to participate again for the next two years of assessment administration (i.e. 2021 and 2022). If you should have any questions or concerns, please call the school at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Loren Fuhring  
Superintendent