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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout the school year, Passaic Public Schools offers a variety of assessments to measure student learning and achievement. These assessments provide essential information that guide how we select curricula and prepare our teachers. Pursuant to New Jersey state law and regulations (N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6), we would like to share information with you regarding assessments that are scheduled to take place this school year.

The attached table lists the assessments that our students will participate in during the 2020-2021 school year. Please note, we provided a range of dates that the test may occur within, but students will not be engaged in testing everyday throughout that period. Closer to the specific testing window, you will receive additional information regarding the actual dates your child will be involved in for the assessment(s).

If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations according to an IEP or 504 plan, you may contact your school's guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options or visit <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/manuals/NJSLASpring2019AFA.pdf>. In addition, all students enrolled in a program for English Language Learners (ELL) are permitted extended time on all state tests, with other accommodations provided based on the test specifications.

If you have any questions, please contact your school's parent liaison.

Sincerely,

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| Assessment Name | Grades | Content Area | Testing Window | Requirement | Test Mode | Time | More Information | Results |
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| ACCUPLACER | 11-12 | Reading Writing Mathematics | February 2021 | This exam provides high school students the opportunity to meet the qualifications to participate in Early College courses. | Computer | Unlimited | https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org | At completion of assessment |
| ACCESS 2.0 for English Language Learners | K-12 | Four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, writing | To Be Determined | This is a state-mandated assessment provided to students identified as ELL in Grades K-12. | Computer Paper (Writing) | Unlimited | https://wida.wisc.edu/assess/access | |
| ACT | 10-12 | English Mathematics Reading Science | To Be Determined | Measures student readiness for college. | Computer | 3 hours | http://www.act.org/content/act/en/students-and-parents.html | |
| Advanced Placement (AP) | 9-12 | Content areas aligned to AP courses | May 2021 | This assessment is administered to identify students eligible to receive college credits for the Advanced Placement course. | Paper | 2-3 hours | https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam | Summer 2021 |
| Biliteracy Assessments, Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI), and Writing Proficiency Test (W-PT), STAMP | 12 | Language Writing | To Be Determined | These assessments are offered by the state to provide high school students the opportunity to qualify for the Biliteracy designation on the high school diploma. | Computer | 30-40 minutes | http://www.languagetesting.com/writing-proficiency-test http://www.languagetesting.com/oral-proficiency-interview-by-computer-opic | |
| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) | 3-8, 11 | Reading Mathematics Science | Spring 2021 | This is a state-mandated assessment for specifically identified special education students in tested grades that are exempt from the NJSLA. | Computer | Unlimited | https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/dlm/ | Summer 2021 |
| MAP | K-12 | Reading Mathematics | Fall: September 16 – October 16, 2020 | District-provided assessment delivers individual student learning data that is used in the classroom for planning instruction and student grouping. | Computer | Unlimited | https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/ | At completion of assessment |
| | | | Winter: January 7 – 28, 2021 | | | | | |
| Spring: April 5 – May 14, 2021 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall: October 5 – 23, 2020 | | | | | | | | |
| 3-10 | Science | | Winter: January 25 – February 12, 2021 | | | | | |
| | | | Spring: May 3 – 21, 2021 | | | | | |
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| National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) | 12 | Mathematics Reading Science Writing Technology Engineering Literacy Arts Civics Geography Economics U.S. History | Winter 2021 | This is a federally mandated assessment for selected schools and grades that measures how students perform academically. | Computer | 90-120 minutes | https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/parents/ | |
| New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) | 3-10 | English/ Language Arts Math | Spring 2021 | This is a state-mandated assessment to test students on grade level standards. | Computer | 150-180 minutes | https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/ | July 2021 |
| | 5, 8, 11 | Science | Spring 2021 | | | 3-4 hours | | |
| NOCTI | 11-12 | Career and Technical Education | June 2021 | An assessment for students studying and enrolled in career and technical education programs. | Computer | 3 hours | https://www.nocti.org/ParentsStudents.cfm | Summer 2021 |
| Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) | 9-11 | Reading Writing Mathematics | Winter 2021 | The PSAT prepares students for the SAT and identifies student eligibility for the National Merit program. | Paper | 3 hours | https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10 | Winter 2021 |
| Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) | 11-12 | Reading Writing Mathematics | March 3, 2021 | This test is used for the college application and admissions process. | Paper | 4 hours | https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat | April 2021 |