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2026–2027 NEW JERSEY STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT NOTIFICATION

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In accordance with **N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6**, the North Wildwood School District is providing this annual notification regarding statewide standardized assessments that may be administered during the 2026–2027 school year.

State assessments provide information regarding student achievement in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Assessment results are one measure of student performance and are used by teachers and administrators, along with classroom performance and other information, to help inform instruction and identify areas of student strength and need.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has established the following statewide assessment windows for the 2026–2027 school year. Specific testing dates and daily schedules will be established by the school within the State-approved testing windows.

1. New Jersey Student Learning Assessment–Adaptive (NJSLA-A)

Subjects: English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics

Grades at Margaret Mace School: Grades 3–8

Testing Window: April 19, 2027 – May 21, 2027

The NJSLA-A is required by **New Jersey State and federal law** for students in applicable grades.

Testing Time:

- **ELA Reading:** Two 75-minute sessions — 150 minutes total
- **ELA Writing:** One 90-minute session
- **Mathematics:** Two 75-minute sessions — 150 minutes total

The NJSLA-A is a computer-adaptive assessment aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

2. New Jersey Student Learning Assessment–Science (NJSLA-S)

Subject: Science

Grades at Margaret Mace School: Grades 5 and 8

Testing Window: April 19, 2027 – May 21, 2027

The NJSLA-S is required by **New Jersey State and federal law** for students in applicable grades.

Testing Time: Four testing units of approximately 45 minutes each, for a total of **180 minutes**.

The NJSLA-S measures student performance in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science.

3. Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)

Subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, and, where applicable, Science

Grades: Students in Grades 3–8 who meet the State's participation criteria for the alternate assessment

Testing Window: **April 5, 2027 – May 28, 2027** for the Year-End assessment model.

Students who meet the State's participation criteria, as determined through the applicable Individualized Education Program (IEP) process, may participate in the DLM assessment rather than the NJSLA.

Testing Time: DLM testing time varies according to the student's grade, subject, assessment model, and individual testing needs. The student's testing schedule will be determined by the school in accordance with NJDOE/DLM administration requirements.

DLM is a **state-required assessment** for eligible students.

4. WIDA ACCESS / WIDA Alternate ACCESS

Subject: English Language Proficiency

Grades: Kindergarten–Grade 8, when applicable

Testing Window: **February 1, 2027 – April 2, 2027**

Students identified as multilingual learners (MLs) are required to participate in an annual English language proficiency assessment. The WIDA ACCESS assessment measures English proficiency in four domains: **Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing**. Students who meet the State's criteria for the alternate assessment may participate in WIDA Alternate ACCESS.

Testing Time: Testing time varies by grade level, assessment, domain, and testing format. Students will receive an individual testing schedule from the school.

WIDA ACCESS is required by **State and federal requirements** for applicable multilingual learners.

5. National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Margaret Mace School may be selected by the National Center for Education Statistics to participate in the **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**.

For 2026–2027, the NJDOE statewide schedule identifies **Grade 8 Science** as the NAEP assessment applicable to this grade level. Schools selected to participate will receive their specific assessment dates from the NAEP State Coordinator.

NAEP is a **federally administered assessment** and participation applies only to students and schools selected through the national sampling process.

Student Accommodations and Accessibility

Students with disabilities and eligible multilingual learners will receive accommodations and accessibility features in accordance with applicable State assessment requirements and, when applicable, the student's **IEP, Section 504 Plan, or multilingual learner status**.

The statewide assessments include accessibility tools and supports designed to provide students with equitable access to the assessments. Accommodations will be provided only when permitted by the

applicable assessment and in accordance with the student's educational plan and State testing requirements.

Sample Questions and Assessment Information

Parents and guardians may access information, practice materials, sample questions, and other resources through the New Jersey Department of Education's assessment resources and the applicable assessment portals.

The NJDOE provides assessment information and resources through its statewide assessment website:

[New Jersey Department of Education — Statewide Assessments](#)

Student Results

Individual student assessment results are provided to parents/guardians after the district receives the results from the NJDOE. Results may include an Individual Student Report (ISR) and/or access to the applicable online Family Portal.

The NJDOE requires districts to provide statewide assessment results to parents/guardians within the applicable reporting timeframe after the district receives the results.

Important Information for Parents/Guardians

State assessments are one measure of student achievement. They are not intended to replace classroom assessments, teacher observations, or other measures of student learning. Assessment results are considered together with other academic information when planning instruction and supporting individual students.

Specific testing dates will be communicated to families as they are finalized. Students should attend school regularly during assessment periods and arrive prepared to participate.

If you have questions regarding statewide assessments or your child's participation, please contact the Margaret Mace School office.

Sincerely,



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North Wildwood School District Assessment Testing Schedule 2026-2027

Assessment	Grades	Computer Administration
ACCESS for ELLs	ACCESS: K through 12	February 1 through April 2, 2027
New Jersey Student Learning Assessments -Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive)	ELA: 3 through 9 Math: 3 through high school	April 19 through May 21, 2027
NJSLA-Science administration	Science: 5, 8 and 11	April 19 through May 21, 2027
District Benchmarks: Math Writing K-3 universal screener	K-8 grade K-8 grade K-3	Administered 3 x a year Fall, Winter, Spring Fall, Winter, Spring Fall, Winter, Spring