

## 2020-2021 Great Meadows Regional School District Assessment Information to Parents and General Public

New Jersey school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required by statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6*) to annually notify parents or guardians by October 1 or within 30 days of any statewide student assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered over the course of the school year.

**Key:**

- **Number of Testing Administrations in Districts** refers to the number of times a particular assessment will be offered during the school year.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two modes are computer-based, and paper-and-pencil. Some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your child has a medical issue that would not allow them to take the assessment on the computer.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- **Testing Window** is the period in which districts administer the statewide student assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment vendor. These results should be distributed to students, educators and families as soon as possible.

**Sample template that districts may customize for presenting standardized student assessment information for 2020-21.**

| Assessment Name                      | Subject Area | Grade Level Tested | Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features  | Number of Testing Administrations in District | Testing Mode   | Testing Time Allotted per Student                                    | Testing Window | Results Available | Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment                          |
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| NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration | ELA and Math | 3-8                | <a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a> | 1   | Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities | <a href="#">Unit Testing Times</a>                                   | TBD            | TBD               | For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a> |
| NJSLA Science Administration         | Science      | Grades 5 and 8     | <a href="#">NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual</a> | 1   | Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities | For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours. | TBD            | TBD               | For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a> |

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| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)   | ELA, Math, and Science            | Grades 3 through 8        | <a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>                              | 1   | Computer-based  |                                   | TBD                  | TBD               | For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>   |
| ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs  | English language proficiency test | K–8                       | <a href="#">WIDA Accessibility Accommodations</a>                     | 1   | Paper – Grade K (and by request)<br>Online Grades 1–8 (Writing portion is paper Grades 1–3) | No time limit                     | TBD                  | TBD               | <a href="#">Parent Handout</a><br><br>Provided in different languages.  |
| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Instructionally Embedded (IE) Assessments <b>(optional)</b> | ELA, Math, and Science            | Grades 3 through 8 and 11 | <a href="#">DLM Accessibility Manual</a>                              | N/A   | Online only   | 10–15 minutes per testlet         | 9/14/20 to 12/23/20  | Immediately       | For more information please visit the <a href="#">Office of Assessments webpage</a>   |
| Link It Benchmarks  | ELA/Math                          | 4-8                       | Same accommodations as provided by NJSLA                              | 3   | Computer Based- Paper optional  |                                   | Fall, Winter, Spring | Within 1 week     | <a href="https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/baddb5f51f0b4e7ebaac53b6cda320eb.pdf">https://content.schoolinsites.com/api/documents/baddb5f51f0b4e7ebaac53b6cda320eb.pdf</a> |