NJSLA Parent Information Night Grades 3-6

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Tonight's Agenda



- 1. What is NJSLA? Why should my child take NJSLA?
- 2. ELA
- 3. Math
- 4. Science (grades 5 only)
- 5. NJSLA scores
- 6. Parent Resources
- 7. Q&A



The **New Jersey Student Learning Assessments** (NJSLA) are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS), which focus on critical thinking skills and students' ability to read, write, speak, listen and solve "real-world" problems independently.

Why should my child take NJSLA?

According to the NJDOE, the stated purpose of the assessment is to measure student's progress, both statewide and within local school districts in English and Math from third grade through high school toward the identified goal of college and career readiness.

Furthermore, this assessment enable teachers, schools, students, and parents to gain important insights into how well critical knowledge, skills, and abilities essential for young people to thrive in college and careers are being mastered.

2022 NJSLA Dates for Grades 3-6

Testing Dates at TEECS

May 16-17 NJSLA-ELA

May 18 and 20 NJSLA-Math

May 23-24 NJSLA-Science (Gr. 5 only)



2022 NJSLA Make up Dates for Grades 3-6

Make up Dates at TEECS

May 23-27th NJSLA-ELA

May 23-27th NJSLA-Math

May 25-27th NJSLA-Science (Gr. 5 only)

Entering ELA Section...



ELA UNIT TIMES

ELA	Unit 1	Unit 2
Grade 3	75 minutes	75 minutes
Grades 4-6	90 minutes	90 minutes

Item Tasks

- The Literary Analysis Task requires students to read two literary texts that are purposely paired.
 - Students read the texts, answer questions for each text and for the texts as a pair, and then write an analytic essay.
- The Research Simulation Task requires students to analyze an informational topic through several articles or multimedia stimuli.
 - Students read and respond to a series of questions and synthesize information from multiple sources in order to write an analytic essay.
- The Narrative Writing Task focuses on one literary text.
 - Students read the text, answer questions, and write a narrative response that is tied to and draws on the text

Note about the Blueprints

Total points vary between the two forms due to the nature of the design of the Literary Analysis Task and Narrative Writing Tasks. However, they both ask students to read and respond to literary texts.

Both tasks report and align to the Literary Text subclaim, standards and evidence statements. The forms are designed so students, regardless of which form they are assigned, will need to demonstrate the same level of knowledge to meet a specific performance level.

First, the two forms were built to be similar in content and difficulty. Then, experts equated the two forms, which is a statistical process conducted to establish comparable scores on different forms of an assessment.

*The two forms will be randomly assigned to students. Therefore, all students need to be prepared to respond to all three task types.

Blueprint 1

Unit 1: Literary Task Analysis (2 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	8	3
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	9
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Unit 2: Research Simulation Task (2 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Informational Text	8	3
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	9
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Total Units (4 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
All	24 Reading	6 Reading24 Writing

Blueprint 2

Unit 1: Narrative Writing Task (1 Passage)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	8	0
Reading: Vocabulary	0	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	9
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Unit 1: Short Passage Set (1 Passage)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	4	N/A
Reading: Vocabulary	4	N/A

Unit 2: Research Simulation Task (2 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Informational Text	8	3
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	9
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Total Units (4 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
All	28 Reading	3 Reading 24 Writing

Blueprint 1

Unit 1: Literary Task Analysis (2 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	8	4
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	12
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Unit 1: Short Passage Set (1 Passage)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	6	N/A
Reading: Vocabulary	2	N/A

Unit 2: Research Simulation Task (3 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Informational Text	12	4
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	12
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Total Units (6 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
All	36 Reading	8 Reading 30 Writing

Blueprint 2

Unit 1: Narrative Writing Task (1 Passage)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	8	0
Reading: Vocabulary	0	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	9
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Unit 1: Long or Paired Passage Set (1 or 2 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Literary Text	8	N/A
Reading: Vocabulary	4	N/A

Unit 2: Research Simulation Task (3 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
Reading: Informational Text	12	4
Reading: Vocabulary	4	0
Writing: Written Expression	0	12
Writing: Knowledge of Language and Conventions	0	3

Total Units (5 or 6 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
All	36 Reading	4 Reading 27 Writing

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Total Units (5 or 6 Passages)

Claims/Subclaims	Points from EBSR/TECR Items	Points from PCRs
All	36 Reading	4 Reading 30 Writing

Entering the Math Section...



NJSLA Math Unit Times



Mathematics-Grades 3-5

Unit	Testing Time (minutes)
1	60
2	60
3	60
Total: 3 Units	Total: 180

Mathematics-Grades 6-8

Unit	Testing Time (minutes)
1	60
2	60
3	60
Total: 3 Units	Total: 180

2022 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Mathematics NJSLA-M Blueprints

The NJSLA-M blueprints define the total number of tasks and/or items for any given grade or course assessment, the types of items on the assessment, and the point values for each of them

Grades 3 to 7 Blueprint

Item Type	Grade 3	Grades 4 and 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Point Value
Type I (Content)	24 items	20 items	18 items	20 items	1 point each
Type I (Content)	3 items	5 items	4 items	5 items	2 points each
Type I (Content)	0 items	0 items	1 item	0 items	4 points each
Type II (Reasoning)	2 items	2 items	2 items	2 items	3 points each
Type II (Reasoning)	1 item	1 item	1 item	1 item	4 points each
Type III (Modeling)	2 items	2 items	2 items	2 items	3 points each
Type III (Modeling)	1 item	1 item	1 item	1 item	6 points each
Type I Total	27 items	25 items	23 items	25 items	30 points total
Type II Total	3 items	3 items	3 items	3 items	10 points total
Type III Total	3 items	3 items	3 items	3 items	12 points total
Total of All Types	33 items	31 items	29 items	31 items	52 points total

Overview of Task Types

Task Types	Description of Task Type
I. Tasks assessing concepts, skills and procedures	 Balance of conceptual understanding, fluency, and application Can involve any or all mathematical practice standards Machine scorable including innovative, computer-based formats Sub-claims A and B
II. Tasks assessing expressing mathematical reasoning	 Each tasks calls for written arguments/justifications, critique of reasoning, or precision in mathematical statements Can involve other mathematical practice standards May include a mix of machine scored and hand scored responses Subclaim C
III. Tasks assessing modeling/applications	 Each task calls for modeling/application in a real-world context or scenario Can involve other mathematical practice standards May include a mix of machine scored and hand scored responses Sub-claim D

On the NJSLA-M, subclaim categories will remain Major Content, Additional and Supporting Content, Reasoning and Modeling.

Entering the Science Section... (grade 5 only)



Overview



The NJSLA-Science:

- Is a federally required state assessment administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11.
- Provides a snapshot of student performance on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science (NJSLS-Science).
- Was developed in collaboration with New Jersey educators, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), and New Jersey's contracted science vendors.
- Is significantly different from the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) because NJSLS-Science are more rigorous standards and NJSLA-Science focuses on the application of science knowledge and skills rather than memorization of content.

NJSLA-Science Assessment Time



Grade Level Assessment	Number of units	Time per unit	3 hours 3 hours	
Grade 5	4	45 minutes		
Grade 8	4	45 minutes		
Grade 11	4	60 minutes	4 hours	

Day 1

Unit 1
45 minutes of testing



Unit 2
45 minutes of testing

Day 2

Unit 3
45 minutes of testing



Unit 4
45 minutes of testing

NJSLA-Science Blueprint: Targeted Number of Items Per Test

Reporting Groups	Grade 5: PBA	Grade 5: MSA	Grade 8: PBA	Grade 8: MSA	Grade 11: PBA	Grade 11: MSA
Physical Science: Investigating	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Physical Science: Sensemaking	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Physical Science: Critiquing	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Total Items for Physical Science	3 to 5	11 to 13	3 to 5	14 to 18	3 to 5	15 to 21
Life Science: Investigating	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Life Science: Sensemaking	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Life Science: Critiquing	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Total Items for Life Science	3 to 5	11 to 13	3 to 5	14 to 18	3 to 5	15 to 21
Earth & Science: Investigating	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Earth & Science: Sensemaking	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Earth & Science: Critiquing	1 to 2	3 to 5	1 to 2	4 to 7	1 to 2	4 to 8
Total Items for Earth & Science	3 to 5	11 to 13	3 to 5	14 to 18	3 to 5	15 to 21

Understanding the NJSLA Individual Student Report.

Student performance on NJSLA assessments is described on the individual student report using :

Scale scores:

Overall scale scores: For both English language arts and Mathematics, scale scores range from 650 to 850 for all grades.

Performance levels:

There are five performance levels for NJSLA assessments:

- Level 5: Exceeded Expectations
- Level 4: Met Expectations
- Level 3: Approached Expectations
- Level 2: Partially Met Expectations
- Level 1: Did Not Yet Meet Expectations

Students performing at levels 4 and 5 met or exceeded expectations, have demonstrated readiness for the next grade level/course and, ultimately, are likely on track for college and careers.

Understanding the NJSLA Individual Student Report continued.

Subclaim Performance:students are also provided information about what they know and can do on the subclaims (key parts) of the assessment.

For NJSLA assessments, subclaims are reported using graphical representations. These indicate how the student performed in each subclaim area. Relative to the overall performance of students:

- An up arrow indicates a student's performance in this subclaim reflects students with overall scale scores in the "Met or Exceeded Expectations" category;
- A bidirectional arrow indicates a student's performance in this subclaim reflects students with overall scale scores in the "Approached Expectations" category;
- A down arrow indicates a student's performance in this subclaim reflects students with overall scale scores in the "Did Not Yet Meet or Partially Met Expectations" category



https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/reporting/VideoISR_Sample_Sp19.mp4

- Parent Resources
 https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/english/
 - NJSLA-ELA Practice Tests
- https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/math/
 - NJSLA-Math Practice Tests
- http://024ccps.ss10.sharpschool.com/common/pages/UserFile.aspx?fileId=818022
 - RACE Response
- https://measinc-nj-science.com/
- https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/resources/science/docs/NJSLA-S%20Overvi ew%20Presentation.pdf
 - Science Information and Practice Tests

School Testing Environment

Testing Security



Headphones



- Chromebooks charged
- Being on time



Rested and ready



ESL, Special Needs & 504 students

- ESI students will be given a dictionary and one and a half times the time allocated to GenEd students.
 - Separate testing room
- IEP and 504 students will be provided accommodations as listed in their IEP and 504 documents.
 - Separate testing room

