

September 2022

Dear Parents and Partners in Learning,

Please be advised that the Laurel Springs School District will be participating in the NJ Student Learning Assessments in math, English language arts, and science during the course of the 2022-2023 school year, as mandated by the State of New Jersey. We are also obligated to participate in NJ Start Strong again this year, which will assess skills from the previous school year.

Grades 4-6 will take NJ Start Strong September 12 & 13. They will be assessed in ela and math. Grade 6 will also be assessed in science on September 9. More information on this assessment, as well as practice tests, can be found at the following link. <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/startStrong/>

Grades 3-6 will begin NJSLA testing the first week in May. The students will be assessed in math and English language arts. Our students will take ONE unit per day, averaging one hour per day, for approximately 5 days. The Science assessment will be administered to grade 5, following the ELA and math assessments.

Assessments will be administered via computer, but pencil/paper option is available to students who have a medical issue that would not allow him/her to take the assessment on the computer. Other accommodations and accessibility features are available based on IEP/504 plans. Please contact Debbie McLaughlin, our Special Education Coordinator for questions regarding these accommodations.

More information on NJSLA testing, including practice questions and parent resources, may be found at <https://nj.digitalitemlibrary.com/home>

NWEA MAP testing is an internal assessment tool that we use to determine student needs in math, reading, and language. We also assess science in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades. These are given three times a year via computer. IEP/504 plans are followed for accommodations. The initial assessment is in September, mid-year in January, and end of year in May. There is no time limit on these assessments.

If you have any questions regarding NJ Start Strong, NJSLA or MAP, please feel free to contact me at [jcybulski@laurelspringschool.org](mailto:jcybulski@laurelspringschool.org) or (856) 783-1086 ext. 303.

Thank You.

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