



Washington Township Schools

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March 2019

Dear Parents:

The enclosed information is for your awareness of the NJ standardized testing requirements for the spring of 2019. The first tests are called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This data will become a piece of the puzzle that helps us to evaluate our programs and target your child's learning needs.

Students will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - ELA & Math tests as follows:

- Grade 3 - April 8th - 12th
- Grade 4 - April 15th - 17th, 23rd & 24th
- Grade 5 - April 29th - May 3rd
- Grade 6 - May 6 - 10th (PM Session)
- Grade 7 - May 6 - 10th (AM Session)
- Grade 8 - May 6 - 10th (AM Session)
- Make up testing may continue into the week ending May 24th

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Grade 3 E/LA	75 minutes	75 minutes	n/a
Grade 3 Math	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Grades 4 & 5 E/LA	90 minutes	90 minutes	n/a
Grades 4 & 5 Math	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Grades 6-8 E/LA	90 minutes	90 minutes	n/a
Grades 6-8 Math	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Algebra	90 minutes	90 minutes	n/a

Students in grades 5 & 8 will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)

- Grade 5 - May 7th and May 8th
- Grade 8 - May 21st and May 22nd
- Make up testing may continue into the week ending June 7th

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Grade 5 Science	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes
Grade 8 Science	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

You may have heard about parents and students “opting out” of the scheduled assessments. In the State of New Jersey, there is no provision for a student to opt-out of statewide assessments. That being said, in the event a parent/guardian “**refuses**” to have his/her child participate in a statewide assessment, the district will respect this parental decision. In accordance with district policy and regulation (2622), you must submit your refusal prior to the scheduled testing date, include your child’s name and grade, as well as the specific name and date of the assessment in your letter. Should you choose to refuse, a refusal form is included with this letter should you choose to use it.

Please be aware that although we respect your parental right to refuse participation, the data that we receive from NJ standardized tests gives us helpful information about your child. It, along with other data, helps us to target your child’s specific learning needs. We use results, along with other data, to make instructional and programmatic decisions. In addition, results may be used, along with other data, in students class placement decisions and as criteria points for entrance into certain academic programs such as Accelerated Math and Talented and Gifted (TaG).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Notice of Assessment Refusal – Washington Township Schools (complete one form for each child)

CHILD'S SCHOOL: (Check one):

- Benedict A. Cucinella
- Flocktown- Kossmann
- Old Farmers Road
- Long Valley Middle

CHILD'S GRADE: (Check one):

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 |

I/we, _____, refuse to allow my/our child, _____ to participate in the 2019 NJ Student Learning Assessment for ELA and Math.

In addition, I/we refuse to allow our child to participate in other standardized tests:

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S) (grades 5 & 8)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Phone: () -

Parent email address: _____

***PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
prior to the start of your child's scheduled testing date***