



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
Route To: District Test Coordinators, District Technology Coordinators
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Assessment Calendars for School Years 2018, 2019 and 2020

This memo is to inform school districts of the availability of the assessment calendars for 2018-19 and 2019-20 for the following assessments: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S); Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM); PARCC Portfolio Appeals; and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Please review the assessments calendars under the "Statewide Assessments Schedule" link of the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [State Assessments webpage](#), and see additional details below.

PARCC Testing Windows

Each PARCC testing window (Fall Block, Regular, and Spring Block) provides a time period that exceeds 30 days in length so local districts can select the preferred 30 consecutive days within that window. Schools are expected to create their own testing schedules, based on technology capabilities and school calendars, and may utilize no more than 30 consecutive school days per testing window. Schools can administer multiple units per day and can test in the morning and the afternoon. However, individual students cannot take more than two units per day.

2017-18 Assessment Calendar Updates

The NJDOE's website also has available an [updated 2017-18 assessment calendar](#). The updates include the first year administration (field test) of the NJSLA-S and DLM science assessment. Also included is a summer assessment window for students who choose to take, or must retake, a math course over the summer. The summer assessment also provides a retake opportunity for students to meet their assessment graduation requirements.

Feedback/Assistance

The NJDOE appreciates feedback from educators regarding the assessment calendar, and is ready to provide assistance to districts in scheduling the assessments. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the NJDOE's Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or email assessment@doe.state.nj.us.

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