

DEMAREST MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This spring, your child will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) formally known as PARCC for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grades 5 and 8 will also participate in the NJSLA Science Assessment. The NJSLA is designed to measure both student mastery of the Student Learning State Standards and college and career readiness. Demarest Public Schools considers NJSLA scores as a data point for our pull out enrichment programs, language art skills, and math support. In addition, seventh grade NJSLA scores are considered for high school placement. Below you will find the schedule of testing for your child for the upcoming NJSLA assessments.

NJSLA Schedule:

ELA Grades 5-8: April 24th & April 25th

Math Grades 5-8: May 8th - May 10th

Algebra: May 8th & May 9th

Science: May 30th & June 3rd (Grades 5 & 8 only)

Testing will consist of two units of English Language Arts, three units of Mathematics (Algebra consists of 2 units), and four units of Science.

Make-Up Testing:

ELA: April 26th & April 29th

Math: May 13th & May 14th

Algebra: May 10th & May 13th

Science: June 4th & June 5th (Grades 5 & 8 only)

We ask for your assistance and cooperation in the following areas:

1. Each student should bring in ear buds to use during testing. All ear buds will be stored in each student's testing location until completion of NJSLA.
2. Discuss with your child the importance of putting forth his/her best effort.
3. Make sure your child gets an adequate amount of sleep, has a good breakfast, and arrives at school punctually.
4. Stress the importance of a positive attitude, but avoid raising undue anxiety. Your child has been well prepared by our staff and should view this as an opportunity to confidently display the knowledge and skills he/she has learned.
5. **During the dates of regular testing, Demarest Middle School's lunch will be from 12:11 PM – 12:56 PM. We request you do not pick your child up for lunch during these dates.**

It is extremely important that your child be in attendance on these days for test administration. A cooperative, positive effort on the part of parents/guardians and teaching staff will lead to a successful experience for your child.

Sincerely,
Jonathon Regan
Principal



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Statewide Assessment Unit Times

The units and testing times below have been updated as of November 2018.

ELA Units and Testing Times for Statewide Assessments

2019 NJSLA-ELA – ELA Grade 3

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	75
Unit 2	75
Total: 2 Units	Total: 150 Minutes

2019 NJSLA-ELA – ELA Grades 4 & 5

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	90
Unit 2	90
Total: 2 Units	Total: 180 Minutes

2019 NJSLA-ELA – ELA Grades 6 to 11

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	90
Unit 2	90
Total: 2 Units	Total: 180 Minutes

Mathematics Units and Testing Times for Statewide Assessments

2019 NJSLA-Mathematics Grades 3 to 5

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	60
Unit 2	60
Unit 3	60
3 Units	180 Minutes

2019 NJSLA-Mathematics Grades 6 to 8

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	60
Unit 2	60
Unit 3	60
3 Units	180 Minutes

2019 NJSLA-High School Algebra I, Geometry & Algebra II Assessments

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	90
Unit 2	90
2 Units	180 Minutes

Science Units and Testing Times for Statewide Assessments

2019 NJSLA-Science Assessments Grade 5 & 8

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	45
Unit 2	45
Unit 3	45
Unit 4	45
4 Units	180 Minutes

2019 NJSLA-Science Assessments Grade 11

Unit	Unit Testing Time (Minutes)
Unit 1	60
Unit 2	60
Unit 3	60
Unit 4	60
4 Units	240 Minutes