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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please be advised that beginning the week of May 6th, students in grades 3-6 will take the state-mandated New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) assessments. These assessments are required by the state to be administered in the spring of this school year to fulfill the federal statewide assessment requirement for the 2023-2024 school year. The results from NJSLA testing are a helpful tool in measuring your child's annual progress in school.

Students in grades 3-6 will take assessments in English language arts (ELA) and mathematics, and students in grade 5 will also take the science assessment. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) measures your child's academic progress as correlated with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. For ELA, the assessment in third grade consists of three 75-minute units. In fourth through sixth grades, the assessment consists of three 90-minute units. For mathematics, the assessment in third through sixth grades consists of three 60-minute units. For the science assessments for students in fifth grade, the assessment is approximately 180 minutes.

Please refer to the chart below for testing dates, as well as when students must bring to school both iPads and chargers to be left in the building through their testing date window. This is to ensure that student devices are properly prepared for the test.

We anticipate that a report of your child's assessment results will be provided to you in the late summer or fall, pending when results are received from the state. For your reference, the New Jersey Assessment Resource Center provides an abundance of information related to testing. This information (i.e., tutorials, practice tests, etc.) can be found at the following link: <u>https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/</u>.

Test	Date	iPads and Chargers in School
Grades 3-4 Math/ ELA	5/6 - 5/10	5/2
Grades 5-6 Math/ ELA	5/13 – 5/17	5/8
Grade 5 Science	5/21 – 5/22	
Makeups	5/15 – 5/31	

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal or Mrs. McDonagh, the District's Testing Coordinator.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Jessica McDonagh Principal, Port Colden District Testing Coordinator