



Allamuchy Township School District

Promoting The Allamuchy Learner

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Dear Allamuchy Parents and Guardians of Students in Grades 4-8,

The Allamuchy Township School District will be administering the Start Strong Assessments in Math and English Language Arts to students in grades 4-8 this fall. These assessments are based on prioritized academic standards from the previous school year and will provide our educators with real-time results that will help guide instruction and support current grade level instruction. The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief (45-60 minutes in length) and are delivered through the same online platform as the NJSLA Assessments typically given. Students in grade 6 will also participate in the Start Strong Science Assessment. Parents and guardians along with our teachers will be provided with Individual Student reports that contain key areas in which students may need additional supports for at the start of the school year.

The Allamuchy Township School will be implementing the Start Strong Assessments in October.

- ***October 1-** ELA Grades 4-8, **October 4-** Math Grades 4-8, **October 5-** Science Grade 6
- *Each day students will participate in one unit, 45-60 minutes in length
- *Testing will occur in the morning
- *Make up testing will occur October 4-13, 2021

In addition to the Start Strong Assessments being implemented this fall, the Allamuchy Township School District will once again be implementing the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) this Spring. Communication in regards to specific testing dates will be communicated in the Spring, but we anticipate administering the assessments in May 2022. Please see the chart below with testing times for the spring NJSLA assessments.

Grade	NJSLA Total Testing Times
Algebra 1 (8 th)	ELA: 3 hours Math: 3 hours
4 th - 8 th	ELA: 3 hours Math: 3 hours
3 rd	ELA: 2.5 hours Math: 3 hours
5 th & 8 th	Science: 3 hours

You can visit the New Jersey Department of Education's assessment web page at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/> to find additional information and resources.

All students are required to take these standardized assessments, which is one of a variety of tools that we utilize to gather valuable information regarding academic strengths and needs of individual students and our curriculum. We will also continue to utilize our district STAR and Link It! benchmark assessments throughout the year which provide us with additional data utilized to assist our students and develop educational plans that address student learning gaps.

Parents of students receiving accommodations in accordance with their Individualized Learning Plan or 504 plan should contact their child's case manager or guidance counselor for more information.

Thank you for all you do to support your child and education in our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (908) 852-1894 x101.

Yours in Education,

Jennifer A. Gallegly
Principal