

# South Hackensack School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know about the standardized assessments our school will be administering during the 2023-2024 school year. The New Jersey Department of Education has notified districts of the details regarding the administration windows for the mandatory statewide assessment testing for 2023-2024. Please refer to the chart below for the breakdown as it pertains to our district. As the year progresses, more details with regard to the remaining assessments will be communicated.

| <u>Assessment</u>                                | <u>Grades</u>   | <u>Administration Window</u>      |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| NJSLA - ELA, Math, Science                       | ELA: Grades 3-8<br>Math: Grades 3-8<br>Science: Grades 5 and 8 only | April 29, 2024 - May 31, 2024     |
| ACCESS (English Language Learners)               | Grades K-8  | February 5, 2024 - March 29, 2024 |
| Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) (IEP indicated ONLY) | Grades 3-8  | April 8, 2024 to May 31, 2024     |

To best understand the learning needs of all of our students, Memorial School will also be administering the following assessments throughout the 2023-2024 school year:

| <u>Assessment</u>                            | <u>Grades</u> | <u>Administration Window</u>    |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|
| LinkIt! Benchmark Assessments - ELA and Math | K-8           | Form A: September 11 - 29, 2023 |
|  |               | Form B: January 16 - 26, 2024   |
|  |               | Form C: June 3 - 7, 2024        |
| Dynamic Reading Assessment (DRA)             | Pre-K - 5     | Fall: September, 2023           |
|  |               | Spring: May, 2024               |

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|---|---|--------------|
| Predictive Reading Assessment (PAR) - Dyslexia Screener | Grade 1<br>New Students<br>Other grades on an individual basis as necessary | Fall, 2023   |
| Gifted and Talented                                     | Grades 3 and 6  | Fall, 2023   |
|   | Grades 2 and 5  | Spring, 2024 |

Please remember that the assessments will not count against your child's grade and that the school will use the valuable data to help drive our instructional needs and better provide for all our students. All we ask is that your child tries their best in all that they do.

If you have any questions concerning this testing plan, feel free to call me at 201-440-2782, extension 140.

Best regards,



Jason Chirichella  
Superintendent/Principal