



Little Falls School No. 1

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Hello Hornet Families!

The time has come for our annual New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) to take place next week! The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the NJSLA and to enlist your support in preparing our students for their upcoming state assessments.

The NJSLA assessments were designed to provide information to districts about how well students are achieving in English Language Arts, Math, & Science relative to the NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Standards). The NJSLA determine what students should know and be able to do at the end of each grade level. As in the past, results will provide a snapshot of how your child performed on a standardized test in relation to his/her peers.

As part of the school community, you play an important role in preparing your child for this testing situation. Please have your child in school and on time each day of the testing period. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Additionally, please support us in reminding your child that cell phones AND Apple Watches are absolutely prohibited in the testing site.

This year we surveyed the students about their preference of test scheduling. It has been decided through their voice and the input of the staff that we will NOT be testing on a Monday. Please see our testing schedule below:

School No.1 NJSLA Testing Schedule

Tuesday, May 7th	Wednesday, May 8th	Thursday, May 9th	Friday, May 10th
Math Unit I (Grades 5-8) ----- Algebra Unit I	Math Unit II & III (Grades 5-8) ----- Algebra Unit I & II	ELA Unit I (Grades 5-8)	ELA Unit II (Grades 5-8)

Tuesday, May 14th	Wednesday, May 15th
Science Unit I & II (Grades 5 & 8 ONLY)	Science Unit III & IV (Grades 5 & 8 ONLY)
May 16th - May 30th MAKE-UP TESTING WINDOW	

Testing begins promptly at 8:30AM! Any students who are late will not be allowed into the testing site once testing materials have been dispersed and will have to wait in the main office until testing is over for the morning. **Therefore, it is essential that all students report to school ON TIME and are entering school by the 8:20AM entry bell.** Students absent for any part will be tested in Make-Up sessions as they return. Additionally, over the last week on morning announcements, we notified students that all personal items such as bookbags, will not be permitted in the testing rooms. Cell phones, apple watches, and other unauthorized electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the testing rooms and are to be kept off in their book bags. Students have been asked to bring an independent reading book with them throughout the week. Additionally, you can help us by ensuring your child follows these simple instructions:

- Getting a good night's sleep
- Eating a healthy breakfast in the morning
- Come to school with their CHROMEBOOK'S CHARGED!
- Being on time for the 8:20AM entry bell

We know sometimes state assessments can bring about some testing anxieties for our students. Our counselors have provided strategies on how to relieve test anxieties before and during the tests. We have encouraged the students to TRY THEIR BEST and fight through any challenges the test may bring them because that is the Hornet Way! Once again, we thank you for your support! We are wishing all of our School No.1 students the BEST OF LUCK as they take on NJSLA!
GO HORNETS!

Sincerely,

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