



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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**To:** Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities

**Route To:** Principals, School Counselors, Instructional Coaches, District Test Coordinators, Assistant Superintendents of Curriculum and Instruction

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**Deadlines:** N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b): 30 days for mailing paper Individual Student Reports (ISRs) to parents/guardians upon receipt  
 N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): 60 days for reporting results to local school boards of education upon receipt of results

**Spring 2023 Statewide Assessment Results**

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) would like to thank all local education agencies (LEAs) for making the Spring 2023 New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) administration a success. One of the primary purposes of our statewide assessment program is to identify areas of curricular strength along with opportunities for improvement in each of the tested content areas. LEAs are encouraged to review these results in conjunction with locally administered assessments to determine the optimum mechanism to support learning and mastery of New Jersey’s Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).

**LEA Receipt of Individual Student Reports (ISRs)**

The chart below details when LEAs can expect to receive ISRs, as well as the 30-day deadline date to distribute ISRs to parents/guardians, and the 60-day deadline date to report assessment results to local boards of education. All assessment results will be sent directly to LEA central offices.

Assessment program	ISRs received by the LEA no later than	30 days after receipt of reports to mail to parents <sup>1</sup>	60 days after receipt of results to report to the local board of education <sup>2</sup>
NJSLA	September 12, 2023	October 12, 2023	November 13, 2023

ISRs will be sent to both the sending and receiving LEAs for students who receive their instruction at a school other than their accountable school. Once LEAs receive their ISRs, the accountable LEA must mail a copy home to the parents/guardians within 30 days (see table above). The NJDOE encourages LEAs to share the ISRs with students’ families as soon as practicable to facilitate the timely distribution of student results. To support these communication efforts, sample parent cover letters are linked in the LEA Communication Resources section of this broadcast.

<sup>1</sup> Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(b): Chief school administrators shall provide educators, parents, and students with the results of annual assessments as required under N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.2(a), within 30 days of receipt of information from the Department.

<sup>2</sup> Per N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.3(a): Chief School Administrators shall report final results of annual assessments to district boards of education and members of the public at a public meeting within 60 days of receipt of information from the Department.

## District and State Reporting

Summative and summary files were made available electronically to assigned school and LEA staff on August 9 and August 16, 2023 respectively. The NJDOE strongly encourages school and district leaders to review, analyze and discuss all assessment results with staff as soon as possible.

## Assessment Results Summary Reports (ARSR)

NJDOE is providing LEAs with an additional report named the *Assessment Results Summary Report* (ARSR). This report is designed to provide organizational level summary data by grade, demographic, student, or report dynamically within [PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>](#). The ARSR will allow the District Test Coordinator to have access to all views within this report. Additionally, this report will allow schools within an organization to have access to view data by creating Reporting Groups. Reporting Groups will allow educators to access data for specific students who are assigned to them. This operational report will be made available no later than September 15, 2023 and the *Assessment Results Summary Reports User Guide* can be accessed at [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) under > Educator Resources > Educator Reporting Resources > Report Guides.

## Reporting Requirement

LEAs must report statewide assessment results to local school boards within 60 days of receipt. The report must include aggregated and disaggregated subgroup data, comparative analyses, and appropriate intervention strategies.<sup>3</sup> The number of students for reporting is a minimum of 10 as per suppression rules applied to student data to protect student confidentiality.

## LEA Communication Resources

The following resources are available to assist LEAs with the sharing of NJSLA results:

- A sample cover letter for the mailing of spring 2023 NJSLA ISRs will be available on the [NJSLA/NJGPA Resources for Districts](#) webpage under the heading Forms and Templates.
- Score report interpretation guide for NJSLA ELA, mathematics, and science is available on the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#) under Educator Resources > Educator Reporting Resources > Report Guides.
- A sample PowerPoint template for reporting spring 2023 NJSLA results to local boards of education will be available on the [NJSLA/NJGPA Resources for Districts](#) webpage under the heading Forms and Templates.

## Online Portal with Video Score Reports

In addition to the paper ISRs, the 2023 NJSLA English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science results will be accessible in the online portal for parents/guardians on or about September 8, 2023. The portal will include the student's scale score and a video score report which communicates information from the ISR through animations and voiceover in the state's top five languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic. The portal allows parents/guardians to add new assessment results by using the unique claim code on their student's ISR and view previously added assessment results, beginning with the spring 2019 results.

## Digital Item Library and New Meridian Item Library

The [Digital Item Library](#) (NJSLA ELA, mathematics, and science) and [New Meridian Item Library](#) (NJSLA ELA and mathematics) provide access to released items from our statewide assessment programs. The Digital Item Library categorizes items by Evidence Statements or Standards and contains searchable fields to help find specific items. The items can be viewed in the format presented on the computer-based assessment or downloaded as individual or bulk PDFs. The New Meridian Item Library categorizes released items for educators, students, and parents/guardians to

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<sup>3</sup> N.J.A.C. 6A:30: Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts Appendix A and B.

become familiar with the various items previously administered and it also provides answer keys and scored examples of student responses.

For any questions regarding the release of spring 2023 statewide assessment results, please contact the Office of Assessments at (609) 376-3960 or [assessment@doe.nj.gov](mailto:assessment@doe.nj.gov).

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