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1.0 Overview

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) will be administered in either computer-based (CBT) or paper-based (PBT) format. English language arts (ELA) assessments will focus on writing effectively when analyzing text. Mathematics assessments will focus on applying skills and concepts, and understanding multi-step problems that require abstract reasoning and modeling real-world problems, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools. In both content areas, students will also demonstrate their acquired skills and knowledge by answering selected response items and fill-in-the-blank questions.

Each assessment comprises multiple units, and additionally, one of the mathematics units is split into two sections: a non-calculator section and a calculator section (grade 7 and high school only). Refer to Section 2.4 for additional information about the number of units for each assessment.

1.1 About this Manual

This manual provides instructions applicable to Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators for the administration of the computer-based and paper-based versions of the NJSLA assessments, as well as the procedures and protocols to complete before, during, and after administration. Definitions for terms used in this manual can be found in Appendix A.

Throughout this manual, you will see this icon to note tasks or information (or entire sections) relevant only to computer-based tests.

Throughout this manual, you will see this icon to note tasks or information (or entire sections) relevant only to paper-based tests.

This manual also contains the policies related to test security and test administration that all school staff must follow.

It is important to refer to Appendix C for specific policies and procedures.

All administration instructions for Test Administrators are included in the Test Administrator Manuals (TAMs). The TAM also includes administration scripts, which are also available as separate documents at New Jersey Resource Site at the link below. In addition to English, the scripts are translated into the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Mandarin), Gujarati, Haitian Creole, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. The translated scripts are available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

1.2 Roles of Individuals

District Test Coordinator (DTC) is the individual at the district level who is responsible for the overall coordination of the test administration. When testing issues arise, the District Test Coordinator is the main point of contact with NJDOE and the Pearson Customer Support Center.

School Test Coordinator (STC) is the individual at the school level who is responsible for the overall coordination of test administration. The role may be taken on by the Principal or Designee. This individual is responsible for coordinating test administration at his or her school. This individual is also responsible for all post testing procedures (e.g., stopping all online test sessions, returning of all secure materials).
Test Administrator (TA) is an individual at the school who is responsible for administering the assessment. Refer to Appendix C for qualifications.

In general, the following individuals may serve as a Test Administrator:
- Individuals employed by the district as teachers
- District- and school-level administrators
- Other certified educational professionals

Parents or legal guardians may not serve as a Test Administrator for their own child. In addition, student teachers may not serve as Test Administrators.

Proctor is an individual who may be called on to help a Test Administrator monitor a test unit under the supervision of the Test Administrator. Proctors may serve as Administrators. A Test Administrator must be in the room at all times during testing if a Proctor is used. Student teachers may serve as Proctors who assist the Test Administrators. Refer to Appendix C for more information about the policy.

A Proctor is recommended for all test sessions due to the nature of computer-based testing.

A Proctor is recommended for all test sessions with more than 25 students.

Technology Coordinator (TC) is an individual at the school or district level who is responsible for setting up testing devices for computer-based testing. The School Test Coordinator must designate an individual who will be on-site to serve in this role during the administration.

Technology Coordinator responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Ensuring each testing device meets technology requirements
- Ensuring the infrastructure (e.g., wireless access points, bandwidth) is adequate
- Installing ProctorCache
- Precaching test content
- Purging test content from ProctorCache
- Installing the TestNav application, if not using a browser-based TestNav
- Configuring TestNav in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>
- Helping with the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) file
- Managing problems with firewalls
- Removing (or turning off) any software that would allow secure test material on testing devices to be viewed on another testing device during testing
- Providing technical support for School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators
2.0 Test Security and Administration Policies

2.1 Maintaining the Security of Test Materials and Content

The administration of a NJSLA assessment is a secure testing event. Maintaining the security of test materials before, during, and after the test administration is crucial to obtaining valid and reliable results. School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring that all personnel with authorized access to secure materials are trained in and subsequently act in accordance with all security requirements.

School Test Coordinators must implement chain-of-custody requirements for materials as described in this section. School Test Coordinators are responsible for distributing materials to Test Administrators, collecting materials from Test Administrators, returning secure test materials, and securely destroying (refer to Sections 5.1.2 and 5.2.3 for directions on securely destroying) certain specified materials after testing as described throughout Section 5.0.

School Test Coordinators are required to maintain a tracking log to account for collecting and securely destroying secure test materials, including mathematics reference sheets written on by students and scratch paper written on by students. Schools must maintain the Chain-of-Custody Form or tracking log of secure materials for at least three years unless otherwise directed. Copies of the Chain-of-Custody Form for computer-based testing can be found on http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com. Copies of the Chain-of-Custody Form for paper-based testing will be included in each school’s test materials shipment.

Test Administrators are not to have extended access to test materials before or after administration. Test Administrators must document the receipt and return of all secure test materials (used and unused) to the School Test Coordinator immediately after testing.

The following test materials are secure:

- Student testing tickets
- Mathematics reference sheets written on by students
- Scratch paper written on by students
- Human Reader scripts for mathematics (if applicable)
- Tactile graphics (if applicable)

The following test materials are secure:

- Test booklets
- Answer documents (grades 4–high school)
- Large print and braille test booklets
- Mathematics reference sheets written on by students
- Scratch paper written on by students
- Human Reader scripts for mathematics (if applicable)
- Tactile graphics (if applicable)

2.1.1 Test Coordinator Responsibilities for Maintaining Security

- Before testing, develop a security plan that aligns with school, district, and state policy.
- Authorize specific personnel to serve as Test Administrators and train them to properly administer NJSLA tests. Designate other school and/or personnel as necessary to maintain a secure test administration and train them in NJSLA security requirements.
- Keep secure testing materials in locked central storage when NJSLA tests are not being administered.
- Monitor the receipt and distribution of all test materials.

To ensure the integrity of the test administration, School Test Coordinators may wish to periodically check student login records in PearsonAccess next to ensure that students in their school have only been logged in to TestNav on days they were expected to be testing.
2.1.2 Test Administrator Responsibilities for Maintaining Security

1. Receive training in administering test units properly and securely.
   - Review the TAM and all relevant test security requirements before administering test units.
   - Attend any training session(s) led by the STC/designee before test administration.
   - Understand and follow the protocols related to administering accessibility features and accommodations, if applicable.

2. Administer all tests according to appropriate protocols.
   - Administer tests during the NJSLA testing window and in the prescribed order.
   - Follow the directions and read the scripts in the TAM verbatim to students.
   - Remove or cover any classroom displays that provide information related to the content being assessed or to test-taking strategies (refer to Section 2.3).
   - Provide students with all required test materials listed in the TAM.
   - Prevent the use of prohibited materials (refer to Section 2.3) during testing units. Note that results may be invalidated for students who use cell phones or other prohibited electronic devices during a test unit, including after a student turns in his or her test materials, or during a break (See exception listed in Section 2.2.1).

3. Focus full attention on the testing environment at all times during testing.
   - Monitor the testing process by continually moving unobtrusively about the room. While monitoring the classroom, for paper-based testing, a Test Administrator may view students’ test booklets and answer documents for the sole purpose of confirming that students are working in the correct unit. A Test Administrator may not review test booklets and answer documents and/or confirm whether a student has responded to all test items.
   - Ensure that students are supervised during testing, including during breaks.
   - Ensure students are working only on the unit being administered. If a Test Administrator observes a student working in the incorrect unit of the test or reviewing the incorrect unit of the test, this can be a testing irregularity that must be reported to the STC. See Appendix C for the policy on how to handle these situations.

4. Ensure that students do not participate in any form of cheating.
   - Ensure that students do not consult notes, textbooks, or other teaching materials; do not share test questions with other students; and do not consult other students, school personnel, or anyone else during testing. Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that students are not able to see content on other students’ test materials or on students’ testing devices.

5. Do NOT provide unauthorized assistance to a student that could impact his or her answers.
   - At any time during a test session, a Test Administrator may repeat a portion of the TAM script if necessary for clarification.
   - However, Test Administrators must not assist a student during testing or alter or interfere with a student’s response in any way that would impact his/her answers. Examples of unauthorized assistance include, but are not limited to:
     - Providing answers to a student
     - Indicating that a student has answered a question incorrectly or left a question blank
     - Defining words or providing synonyms
     - Spelling words
     - Influencing a student’s responses by offering verbal or non-verbal hints, clues, or cues
     - Altering, explaining, simplifying, or paraphrasing any test question, reading passages, writing prompt, or multiple-choice answer option
     - Suggesting that a student write more on a question, check his or her work, or review or reconsider a response to a question
6. Follow proper test security procedures for providing accessibility features or accommodations.
   - Ensure that students are ONLY provided accommodations that are listed specifically for use during NJSLA testing in an approved IEP or a 504 plan.
   - Follow guidelines on proper administration of accommodations or accessibility feature as prescribed in the NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Manual.

7. Follow chain-of-custody requirements to return all test materials after testing.

2.1.3 Security Forms
To document proper test administration and security procedures, the following forms may be used depending on policy:

- Chain-of-Custody Form
- Security Agreement
- Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
- Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
- Post-Test Certification Form

According to policy (see Appendix C), you are required to submit security forms online or via email or fax. To submit a security form online:

- Go to pearsonaccessnext.com > Support > Support Requests > Select Tasks > Create/Edit Requests > Start.
- Select your Organization and Category from the drop down menus and provide a brief explanation in the field provided.
- Attach your security form by selecting the Choose Files button and selecting your form, and then click the blue Create button.

For your convenience, copies of the security forms are included as appendices in this manual, and templates are available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

2.2 Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches
Any action that compromises test security or score validity is prohibited. These may be classified as testing irregularities or security breaches. Section 2.2.1 contains examples of activities that compromise test security or score validity (note that these lists are not exhaustive). It is recommended that School Test Coordinators discuss these and other possible testing irregularities and security breaches with Test Administrators during training. Refer to Section 2.2.2 for information on reporting testing irregularities and security breaches.

2.2.1 Examples of Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches
Examples of test security breaches and irregularities include but are not limited to:

- Electronic Devices Irregularities
  - Using a cell phone or other prohibited handheld electronic device (e.g., smartphone, iPod®, smart watch, personal scanner, eReader) while secure test materials are still distributed, while students are testing, after a student turns in his or her test materials, or during a break.
  - Exception: Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors are permitted to use cell phones in the testing environment only in cases of emergencies or when timely administration assistance is needed.
  - Exception: Certain electronic devices may be allowed for medical or audiological purposes during testing.
• Test Supervision Irregularities
  ■ Coaching students during testing, including giving students verbal or nonverbal cues, hints, suggestions, or paraphrasing or defining any part of the test
  ■ Engaging in activities (e.g., grading papers, reading a book, newspaper, or magazine) that prevent proper student supervision at all times while secure test materials are still distributed or while students are testing
  ■ Leaving students unattended without a Test Administrator for any period of time while secure test materials are still distributed or while students are testing (Proctors must be supervised by a Test Administrator at all times)
  ■ Deviating from testing time procedures as outlined in Section 2.4
  ■ Allowing cheating of any kind
  ■ Providing unauthorized persons with access to secure materials
  ■ Unlocking a test in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} during non-testing times without state approval

  ■ Failing to provide a student with a documented accommodation or providing a student with an accommodation that is not documented and therefore is not appropriate
  ■ Allowing students to test before or after the test administration window without state approval

• Test Materials Irregularities
  ■ Losing a student testing ticket
  ■ Losing a student test booklet or answer document
  ■ Losing Human Reader scripts
  ■ Leaving test materials unattended or failing to keep test materials secure at all times
  ■ Reading or viewing the passages or test items before, during, or after testing
    • Exception: Administration of a Human Reader/Signer accessibility feature for mathematics or accommodation for ELA which requires a Test Administrator to access passages or test items
  ■ Copying or reproducing (e.g., taking a picture of) any part of the passages or test items or any secure test materials or online test forms
  ■ Revealing or discussing passages or test items with anyone, including students and school staff, through verbal exchange, email, social media, or any other form of communication
  ■ Removing secure test materials from the school building or removing them from locked storage for any purpose other than administering the test

• Testing Environment Irregularities
  ■ Failing to follow administration directions exactly as specified in the TAM
  ■ Displaying any resource (e.g., posters, models, displays, teaching aids) that defines, explains, illustrates terminology or concepts, or otherwise provides unauthorized assistance during testing
  ■ Allowing preventable disruptions such as talking, making noises, or excessive student movement around the classroom
- Allowing unauthorized visitors in the testing environment
  - Unauthorized Visitors—Visitors, including parents/guardians, school board members, reporters, and school staff not authorized to serve as Test Administrators or Proctors, are prohibited from entering the testing environment.
  - Authorized Visitors—Visits by state monitors, and state-authorized observers are allowed based on state-specific policy, as long as these individuals do not disturb the testing process.

### 2.2.2 Reporting Testing Irregularities and Security Breaches
For a list of security breaches and irregularities that must be reported and documented, refer to Appendix C. If an incident must be reported according to the policy, follow the protocol outlined below:

- The incident must be reported to the School Test Coordinator immediately.
- The School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator contacts the appropriate NJSLA State Contact.
- The Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach (available at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com) or refer to AppendiX D) or another form designed by New Jersey must be completed and submitted within two school days of the incident, unless otherwise directed by your District Test Coordinator or NJSLA State Contact.
- If follow-up documentation is required by your District Test Coordinator or NJSLA State Contact, complete any additional documentation.
- Occasionally, individuals will contact state department of education offices with allegations of testing irregularities or security breaches. In these instances, the designee may contact the School Test Coordinator or District Test Coordinator and ask the individual to investigate the allegations and report back to the appropriate state-level organization.

### 2.3 Testing Environment
The testing environment is defined as the location in which students are actively testing (e.g., classroom, computer lab). It is important to establish procedures to maintain a quiet testing environment throughout testing. When setting up the testing environment, the following should be taken into consideration:

- Some students may finish testing before others, and the expectations for what those students may do must be established in advance of the testing day. Refer to Appendix C for policy on what students may do after testing.
- Unauthorized visitors are prohibited from entering the testing environment as described in Section 2.2.1.
- The testing sign in Appendix C in the Test Administrator Manual should be posted on the outside of the room door.
- Prohibited classroom resources (on the next page) should be removed or covered.

#### Administration Considerations for Students
The School Test Coordinator has the authority to schedule students in testing spaces other than regular classrooms, and at different scheduled times, as long as all requirements for testing conditions and test security are met as set forth in this manual. Accordingly, School Test Coordinators may determine that any student may require one or more of the following test administration considerations, regardless of the student’s status as a student with a disability or as an English learner:

- Small-group testing
- Frequent breaks
- Time of day
- Separate or alternate location
• Specified area or seating
• Adaptive and specialized equipment or furniture

For more information on administrative considerations that are available for ALL students, refer to Table 2 of the NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual.

Materials Prohibited in the Testing Environment

Prohibited materials can compromise test security and violate the construct being measured by the assessment, thus producing invalid results. Prohibited materials must be covered or removed from the testing room.

The following materials may NOT be used at any time during a unit, including after a student has completed testing (e.g., turns in his or her test booklet) or during a break. Students, Test Administrators, Proctors, or other authorized persons in the test environment may not possess these or any other materials.

• Materials Prohibited During All Units
  ■ All personal electronic equipment not related to testing (e.g., cell phones, iPods®, personal document scanners, eBooks, electronic pens, smart watches; refer to Section 2.2.1 for one exception)
  ■ Any resource (e.g., books, posters, models, displays, teaching aids) that defines, explains, illustrates terminology or concepts, or otherwise provides unauthorized assistance during testing. Refer to the AF&A Manual for additional information on approved resources for a student with a disability or an English learner.
  ■ Mathematical formulas, number lines, and conversion tables other than the grade- or course-specific, NJSLA-provided mathematics reference sheets
  ■ Any manipulative not approved through a unique accommodation request prior to testing

Follow the general rule that if the material in question may help the student answer or find an answer, post or copy materials, it is NOT allowed in the testing environment.

Prior to testing, Test Administrators should instruct students to place all prohibited materials out of reach during testing (e.g., locker, book bag). If a student is found to have any prohibited materials in his or her possession upon arrival for testing, the Test Administrator must instruct the student to hand in the materials or follow your local policy. As a reminder, if a student is found to have prohibited materials (including cell phones) during live testing, the test may be invalidated.

Please contact the appropriate NJSLA State Contact if you have any questions or concerns regarding other materials that may be permitted after a student has completed testing.
2.4 Scheduling and Testing Time

Administration Dates
All test units, including make-up testing (refer to Appendix A for definitions of session and unit), must be completed during the testing window (refer to Appendix C for the testing window).

Testing Time
NJSLA tests are strictly timed, and no additional time may be permitted (with the exception of an extended time accommodation as noted in Section 2.4.4). Test Administrators are responsible for keeping time during testing.

Administration Time is the total time that schools should schedule for each unit. It includes the unit testing time and the approximate times for administrative tasks such as reading instructions to students, answering questions, distributing test materials, closing units, and collecting test materials (shown in Table 2.0 below).

Example: When the unit testing time is 75 minutes, schools might schedule a total of 100 minutes: 15 minutes for reading directions + 75 minutes of testing + 10 minutes for closing the unit.

Test administration times are shown in Table 2.0 (note that times vary by content area, unit, and grade/course). In planning the school’s NJSLA assessment administration schedule, School Test Coordinators should plan for the entire unit testing time for each unit.

Table 2.0 Administration Time

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Unit Testing Time is the amount of time that must be provided to any student who needs it to complete the unit. Tables 2.1–2.3 show the amount of time for each unit. Test Administrators are responsible for keeping track of time during testing. Please note, in grade 6, 7, and for high school the total unit testing time for Unit 1 mathematics includes the time for both non-calculator and calculator sections.

If all students have completed testing before the end of the unit testing time, the unit may end. Once the unit testing time has been reached, the unit must end, except for students with extended time accommodations. Refer to Appendix C for policy guidance about what students may do if they complete a unit prior to the end of the unit testing time.
### Table 2.1 Unit Testing Times for Grades 3–5

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*All districts will take only two units of ELA testing, except districts that have been selected for field testing for the spring administration. These selected districts will take an additional unit of testing (Grade 3 unit time = 75 minutes, grade 4 & 5 unit time = 90 minutes).

### Table 2.2 Unit Testing Times for Grades 6–8

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### Table 2.3 Unit Testing Times for High School

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*All districts will take only two units of ELA testing, except districts that have been selected for field testing for the spring administration. These selected districts will take an additional unit of testing (unit time = 90 minutes).
2.4.1 Participation in the ELA Field Test
Students participating in the ELA field test will have three units. Test Administrators should use the same test administration scripts they use for other ELA units. Schools participating in the ELA field test should have been notified of their participation. Please check with your DTC if you are uncertain if your school is participating.

2.4.2 Guidelines for Scheduling
Units may be scheduled at any time on regular school days during the student’s normal school hours throughout the scheduled testing window. Contact your district if you have any questions about your testing dates.

Schools are encouraged to schedule testing for the early part of each testing window to maximize the number of available test days in case of weather-related disruptions or other issues. Testing should be scheduled on regular school days (i.e., not early dismissal days) during the testing window to ensure students have sufficient time. A test session (ELA or mathematics) may be scheduled across multiple days with one or more units administered each day. It is highly recommended that schools schedule no more than two units per day for any given student. When scheduling multiple units for a single day, schools should account for breaks between units (refer to Section 2.4.5 for the policy on breaks).

Schools may test multiple classrooms/courses in one testing location, if desired, provided the unit is the same content area, has the same length of testing time, and uses the same administration script provided in the Test Administrator Manual. For example, a school may test Algebra I and Geometry courses for Unit 1 together because they are the same content area, have the same testing time (90 minutes), and use the same administration script (available in the Test Administrator Manual). If using this option, schools may need to arrange for additional staff members to be available at the beginning of a unit to help students log in and begin testing. For a complete list of units that may be tested together, see Appendix F.

Each student is expected to complete a unit in a single sitting (i.e., all at once), with limited exceptions due to illness during testing (refer to Section 2.4.5 below). Units must be administered in sequential order with the exception of make-up testing. Schools may use their discretion in deciding which content areas are scheduled on what days, so long as units within each content area are scheduled in sequential order.

For security purposes, each unit (e.g., Unit 1, Unit 2) should be scheduled as close together as possible for all students within the same grade/course—with the exception of make-up testing (refer to Section 2.4.3).

For security purposes, each unit (e.g., Unit 1, Unit 2) must be completed by all students within the same grade/course on the same school day—with the exceptions of make-up testing (refer to Section 2.4.3) and students with an extended time accommodation (refer to Section 2.4.4).

2.4.3 Make-Up Testing
Students who are NOT tested on the regular administration date should participate in make-up testing. Make-up tests may be scheduled after the original unit as long as it falls within the testing window. Every attempt should be made to administer make-up tests to students who were absent during the originally scheduled units.

Schools should consider that units may have different testing times when scheduling make-up tests. Students who require make-up testing may not be able to test together, if they are taking different units that have different administration times, unless otherwise noted (refer to Appendix C). For example, a student making up the Grade 3 ELA Unit 1 test may not be able to test in the same room at
the same time as a student making up the Grade 6 ELA Unit 2 test because the units have different unit testing times (refer to Table 2.1).

If a student starts a unit and leaves the testing environment (e.g., due to illness, family emergency) without finishing that unit, he or she may be allowed to complete that unit on a different day. Test Administrators must note the exact place in the unit where the student stopped and the amount of time remaining. Students are NOT allowed to alter any previously entered or written responses. They must pick up exactly where they left off.

Tests will automatically resume at the exact point where a student exited. Test Administrators must closely monitor make-up testing to ensure students do NOT alter any previously entered responses.

Test Administrators must closely monitor make-up testing to ensure students do NOT alter any previously written responses.

For make-up testing, it is recommended that the student who missed a unit continue testing with his or her original testing group when he or she returns. The student will then complete the missed unit during make-up testing. Alternatively, if the school is able to schedule the make-up unit before the original testing group moves onto the next unit, the school may allow the student to make up the unit and then continue with his or her original testing group. School Test Coordinators should advise Test Administrators that the same test security and administration protocols must be in place for make-up tests as for the tests administered on the regularly scheduled days. When establishing a testing schedule, School Test Coordinators should identify specific make-up testing day(s).

2.4.4 Extended Time
A student may be allowed an extended time accommodation beyond the unit testing time up to the end of the school day to complete a unit ONLY IF this accommodation is listed in his or her IEP or 504 plan, or ELA plan, if used. It is highly recommended these students be scheduled to test in a separate setting. A student may be on a different testing schedule from other students because of this accommodation, as long as testing is completed within the testing window (in addition, each unit must be completed on the day on which it begins).

When establishing a testing schedule, School Test Coordinators should account for students with extended time accommodations and consult with the Technology Coordinator regarding proctor caching requirements for devices used in the separate setting.

2.4.5 Breaks Between Testing
If administering more than one unit back-to-back, scheduled breaks are highly recommended between units. During the break, students are permitted to go to the restroom, stretch, and get a drink, if needed. Refer to Section 2.4 for additional information regarding breaks.

Break Policy
School Test Coordinators must determine and discuss procedures for breaks with Test Administrators prior to testing day. For breaks during testing, there should NOT be conversations among students, and students are NOT permitted to use electronic devices, play games, or engage in activities that may violate the validity of the test. Students must be supervised at all times during breaks, including short breaks between units.
Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that students are not able to see content on other students’ test materials or on students’ testing devices. Policies for breaks are below. Refer to Appendix C for additional requirements regarding breaks.

**During short breaks, visual blocks should be applied to students’ computer screens (e.g., turn off the monitor, tape folders to the screen) instead of having students use computer functions to exit and resume the test. The Test Administrator should also ensure the security of students’ scratch paper and mathematics reference sheets (if locally printed).**

**The Test Administrator should ensure the security of students’ test booklets, answer documents, scratch paper, and mathematics reference sheets.**

**Restroom breaks during a unit:** During a unit, individual restroom breaks may be provided at the discretion of the Test Administrator. It is recommended that no more than one student at a time be allowed to use the restroom and students be supervised. Unit time may NOT be adjusted for restroom breaks, and students should be encouraged to use the restroom prior to the beginning of the testing unit.

**Classroom stretch break during a unit:** At the discretion of the Test Administrator, a classroom may take one “stand-and-stretch” break of up to three minutes during testing, and the Test Administrator may adjust unit time by no more than three minutes.

**Breaks between units:** If administering two or more units back-to-back, scheduled breaks are highly recommended between units. During the break, students are permitted to go to the restroom, stretch, and get a drink, if needed.

**Frequent breaks:** Frequent breaks may be offered as an administration consideration. Refer to Appendix C.
3.0 BEFORE Testing

This section describes activities the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) must complete before the first day of testing. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to New Jersey. Since Section 3.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 3.2–3.12 for more details.

3.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators to Complete BEFORE Testing

Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist are strongly recommended.

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<td>• Check every device and inventory software applications—some applications will need to be closed/disabled on all testing devices on test days.</td>
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3.2 PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Setup

School Test Coordinators must ensure all data and information for the school are properly configured in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> (pearsonaccessnext.com), the management system for online and paper testing. The following sections provide guidance on the tasks for the setup of PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. For each of these tasks, there are step-by-step instructions available in the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> training modules (available at https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/H4BIAQ).

### 3.2.1 Student Registration and PNP

Review the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP) Field Definitions Document before registering your students to ensure that the student registration data load successfully. Test Coordinators or their designee should carefully review the NJSLA Student Registration PNP Field Definitions document (available on the secure support page of https://nj.pearsonaccessnext.com).

In order to receive test materials, including paper-based accommodated test materials, tactile graphics for computer-based testing, and Human Reader Scripts, Test Coordinators must note any paper accommodations in the SR/PNP by the initial order deadline or place an additional order after the receipt of initial shipment of test materials.

Spring administration only: In order to receive student ID labels and the correct amount of test materials, Test Coordinators must ensure student registration data are uploaded to PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> by New Jersey’s deadline.

Refer to Appendix C for policies regarding Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile files. Guidance for accessing, navigating, and using PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> is available in the PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> Online User Guide.

### 3.2.2 Assign and Update User Roles

Staff administering the test or who need to make updates in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup> will need to be provided with user accounts for PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>. Refer to the User File Field Definitions Document and the User Role Matrix document for detailed information about user roles and creating accounts. Users will have different levels of access depending on the user roles they are assigned. If you cannot access the site, contact your district or NJSLA State Contact.

Returning users may need to reset their passwords in PearsonAccess<sup>next</sup>; after 180 days of inactivity, passwords are no longer valid.
3.2.3 Create and Manage Test Sessions (For Computer-Based Testing Only)

Test sessions are groupings of students who will take the same test at the same time and place. Use an easily identifiable naming convention (e.g., Mrs. Smith’s Algebra I Classroom) for the session name in PearsonAccessnext. In PearsonAccessnext test sessions, School Test Coordinators may need to view or edit test session details (e.g., add, remove, or move students) and add or change the test form assigned to students. Test sessions will also be used to generate and print student testing tickets.

Scheduling a date and time for a test session in PearsonAccessnext is intended for planning purposes. A test session will NOT start until the Test Administrator clicks Start on the Students in Sessions screen, regardless of the scheduled start date and time. You can update the details (e.g., date, time, location) of each test session any time before a session is started.

Note: Human Reader test sessions must be set up separately from other test sessions.

3.2.4 Verify Test Form Assignments (Accommodated Computer-Based Testing)

To ensure students have the correct accessibility features and accommodations before test administration begins, follow the process below:

1. Register students for testing using the SR/PNP Import or User Interface.
   - All PNP information must be included in the upload for students needing accessibility features and accommodations.
2. Run the PNP/Accommodations for Student Tests operational report and review with appropriate staff to make sure students are identified correctly with the appropriate accessibility features and accommodations.
3. Confirm test session setup and add students to test sessions.
4. Precache tests.
5. Prepare test sessions.
6. Verify form assignments (for form-supported accommodations).
   - In PearsonAccessnext, select Testing > Students in Sessions.
   - On the Students in Sessions screen, add test sessions to the Sessions List by typing the test session name in the Add text field.
   - Check for an accommodation indicator next to the State Student ID (SSID).

Prior to testing, it is a best practice to review your school’s student registration/PNP data loaded in PearsonAccessnext and form assignment within test sessions. Once a student starts a test with the incorrect PNP form assignment, the task of correcting the PNP form assignment requires more steps. If accommodations are not assigned correctly and the student completes testing, the score may be invalidated. For more information on available accommodations, see the AF&A Manual and Section 6.2 of this manual.


3.2.5 Managing Testing for Students Who Transfer Schools

During testing, it is possible students will transfer between schools or districts. In the event of a student transfer, student registration information in PearsonAccessnext must be updated. This can be done via the user interface, the data file upload process, or by submitting a Work Request. Step-by-step directions for these processes can be found in the Transfer Student (CBT) Guidance document posted at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com. All transfers will require the student’s original school/district and new school/district to complete tasks before they are finalized.
Whenever possible, it is recommended that students complete testing at the original school before transferring. Transferring student tests and registrations will require coordination between schools.

Students will resume their tests in TestNav at the new school.

Test Coordinators must review administration policies for procedures on securely transferring test booklets and answer documents or testing using a new test booklet and answer document.

### 3.3 Develop a Test Administration Plan

#### 3.3.1 Training Plan

School Test Coordinators are responsible for training all School Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, and all other staff with access to secure materials. Training attendance should be documented and kept on file. An effective training plan will familiarize all school staff with their individual responsibilities and NJSLA Test Security policies listed under Section 2.0. The School Test Coordinator will:

- Explain chain-of-custody requirements.
- Distribute and/or provide links to the Test Administrator Manuals to Test Administrators before this meeting.
  - Test Administrators will read scripts and other instructions from the Test Administrator Manual. A script-only document, as well as translated scripts, are available at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).
- Ensure applicable staff receive administration and technical updates on [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).
- Ensure Technology Coordinators are trained on the technology setup resources at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).
- Ensure all relevant staff understand their user roles in PearsonAccessnext and how to complete tasks (as applicable).
- Ensure all relevant staff are familiar with tutorials and practice tests.
- Indicate how Test Administrators can get assistance for technical issues from Technology Coordinators during testing, if necessary.
- Review plans for an Infrastructure Trial.

#### 3.3.2 Security Plan

School Test Coordinators must develop a security plan for their school. An effective security plan will accomplish the following:

- Inform all individuals with access to secure materials of security protocols, prohibited activities, testing irregularities, security breaches, and sign the Security Agreement.
- Establish and document the chain-of-custody of test materials (described in Section 2.1).
  - Ensure that test materials are accounted for at all times before, during, and after test administration.
  - Chain-of-Custody Form templates are available at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).
- Designate a central locked location with limited access for secure storage of test materials.
- Document that Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors have received necessary materials and training for successful, secure administration of the NJSLA assessments.
- Establish who is responsible for securely destroying or recycling specified test materials after administration (described in Sections 5.1.2 (CBT) and 5.2.3 (PBT)).
**Note:** Failure to implement an effective security plan may result in test invalidations.

**Security Agreement**

Appendix B lists security protocols that all individuals with access to secure materials must follow.

Before testing, all staff (e.g., District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, observers) with access to secure test materials should review the security agreement and sign the security agreement. Schools are required to maintain signed copies (paper copies or scanned forms stored electronically) for at least 3 years, unless otherwise directed. Refer to Appendix C.

### 3.3.3 Prepare the Testing Environment

When choosing testing locations, School Test Coordinators should make sure assessment settings have good lighting and ventilation, comfortable room temperatures, and are as free as possible from noise and interruptions so students can work comfortably and without disruption. Chairs should be comfortable and tables at an appropriate height with sufficient room for approved testing materials. Confirm that each student will have adequate work space and be sufficiently separated from other students to support a secure testing environment. Check that all needed materials and equipment are available and in good and working condition.

Changes to the setting, including the testing location and conditions within the testing environment can benefit students who are easily distracted in large groups or who concentrate best in small group and individual settings.

To maintain security in a computer-based testing environment, NJSLA suggests the following ideal configurations for seating students:

- Seat students in every other seat.
- Arrange monitors back-to-back.
- Seat students back-to-back.
- Seat students in a semicircle.
- Seat students in widely spaced rows or in every other row.

If an ideal appropriate seating configuration is not possible, physical and visual barriers between testing devices should be used to prevent students from viewing other monitors. Schools may already have one or more of the following materials available that can be adapted for this purpose:

- Card stock (e.g., manila folders) that can be taped to the sides of monitors
- Flattened cardboard boxes that can be cut, folded, and taped to form a visual barrier between testing devices
- Tri-fold display boards (such as those used for science project exhibits) that can stand freely between testing devices
- Cardboard carrels
- Privacy screens that narrow the viewing angle of a computer monitor so that it is visible only to someone sitting directly in front of it. Schools that have privacy screens available should affix them to monitors prior to the beginning of testing and ensure that students are seated so that they cannot view the monitor of the student seated in the row in front of them.

In the event that a laptop or other modular devices are used, they must be monitored and may NOT be removed from the test setting during test administration.
3.4 Meet with Technology Coordinators (For Computer-Based Testing Only)

Meet with your school’s Technology Coordinator to explain the procedures for the NJSLA assessment, the infrastructure preparations that will need to be made at your school, and the level of technical support that your school may need from this individual during testing. These meetings should include but are not limited to the following tasks:

- Review NJSLA resources available for preparing for computer-based testing on the technology set-up page available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup.
- Review the technology specifications for testing and discuss your school’s technology readiness. **IMPORTANT:** Be sure to check the current specifications and requirements as these may change between administrations. Specifications and requirements can be found at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup.
- Discuss the tasks for completing technology set-up (refer to Section 3.5) and timeline for completion.
- Create PearsonAccess\(^\text{next}\) user accounts for technology coordinators.
- Schedule and plan an Infrastructure Trial. Show and discuss the Infrastructure Trial Guide available under the User Guides drop down on https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup/.
- Discuss a plan for logistics (including testing schedule) and how to resolve any hardware or network issues.
- Request that the Technology Coordinator remain in the school building to assist with troubleshooting during the days that students will be testing and create an escalation protocol for technical issues on or before testing day.
- Discuss your school’s security plan, including creating and maintaining a secure testing environment.
- Review the Security Agreement and receive a signed copy (refer to Appendix C).

3.5 Complete Technology Setup (For Computer-Based Testing Only)

3.5.1 Plan an Infrastructure Trial

The Infrastructure Trial introduces students to the TestNav testing interface through the online test content and prepares Test Administrators to understand their responsibilities in PearsonAccess\(^\text{next}\).

This is a dress rehearsal to confirm that:

- TestNav is configured correctly.
- ProctorCache software is installed, if applicable.
- Devices and assistive technology can successfully interact with TestNav.
- Your network can support school-wide testing.
- Participating staff know the proper procedures for administering computer-based tests.
- Students are familiar with the computer-based tools and format, including the use of student testing tickets.

All instructions required to run an Infrastructure Trial are included in the *Infrastructure Readiness Guide* posted on http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

The Infrastructure Trial should take approximately 60 minutes to administer. Schools are encouraged to provide any feedback on the Infrastructure Trial to DTCs.
3.5.2 Prepare Student Testing Devices

Prepare testing devices to meet security needs:

- Any software that would allow secure test content on student testing devices to be viewed on another computer must be turned off.
- Any applications that can automatically launch on a testing device should be configured not to launch during testing. Common applications that can launch automatically include anti-virus software performing automatic updates, power management software on laptops (low-battery warning), screen savers, and email message notifications. These will cause TestNav to close.
- If using tablet devices, determine whether the school will use external keyboards (which are highly recommended). The decision should be generally consistent with what is used during instruction.
- Ensure headphones are available as needed (see Section 3.9.1).

Maximize the number of wireless access points, and limit the number of testing devices per wireless access point. Positioning testing devices as close as possible to wireless access points is preferable, as well as limiting obstructions between testing devices and wireless access points.

Note: Refer to the technology set-up page on http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/technology-setup for more information.

3.5.3 Prepare Test Administrator Testing Devices and a Proctor Caching Computer

Test Administrators will require a computer or device that meets the PearsonAccessnext system requirements in the testing environment to start, monitor, and manage test sessions in PearsonAccessnext. Position the Test Administrator computer in a location where all students can be seen while monitoring student testing statuses. Set up testing computers or devices so that the URL shortcut for PearsonAccessnext is available.

It is highly recommended that you designate a school or district computer as the proctor caching computer. The proctor caching computer downloads and stores test data, such as multimedia or test questions, and then serves that data to individual testing devices from within the local network. This enables faster test page loading times and more efficient test taking. Because cached test content is closer to testing devices, test delivery is accelerated, and the amount of internet bandwidth required for online testing is reduced. Proctor caching software needs to be downloaded from PearsonAccessnext. Refer to the PearsonAccessnext Online User Guide for complete proctor caching details and instructions.

3.6 Establish a Testing Schedule

Refer to Section 2.4 for guidance on scheduling sessions. If applicable, check with your District Test Coordinator to determine whether the district has more specific requirements for testing dates and times. Units must be administered in order, with the exception of make-up testing.

3.7 Schedule Tutorials and Practice Tests

Administering the tutorials and practice tests is an important preparation step for both administration staff and students. It is highly recommended that School Test Coordinators develop a plan to provide students with an opportunity to become familiar with the NJSLA assessment using the NJSLA tutorials and practice tests available online at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com. Tutorials familiarize students and educators with the items types, testing tools, accessibility features, accommodations, and test format and/or navigation of TestNav (CBT only) that will be used for NJSLA assessments. Practice tests provide a similar testing experience for each grade and content area. In addition, answer keys are available, and for the ELA assessments, the writing rubrics are available for each grade level. Practice Tests are available on http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com and via an infrastructure trial in PearsonAccessnext.
During the test, Test Administrators will NOT be allowed to assist students with TestNav functionality and navigation. Therefore, it is important that these questions be answered during tutorials and practice tests. Districts and schools may set their own schedules, but the tutorials and practice tests should be administered on a separate day before the NJSLA assessment is administered. Note, there may be changes in TestNav from year-to-year. Therefore, it is important to administer the current tutorials and practice tests each year, so that students have an opportunity to practice with any new functionality.

Schools should also strongly encourage teachers to familiarize students with the ELA scoring rubrics prior to administration to help them understand the criteria by which their responses to prompts on ELA assessments will be scored. These scoring rubrics can be found at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

3.8 Meet with Test Administrators and Proctors

To prepare Test Administrators and Proctors for the NJSLA assessment, schedule a meeting with them prior to the administration to review their responsibilities. This meeting should include but is not limited to the following tasks:

- Discuss training as specified in Section 3.3.1.
- Discuss your school’s security plan and emphasize the following:
  - Chain-of-custody requirements
  - Testing irregularities and security breaches
  - When to unlock test units in PearsonAccess
  - Policies on testing time
  - Active proctoring during testing (i.e., focusing full attention on students at all times to confirm that students are working independently)
- Review policies and procedures (Appendix C), and emphasize the following:
  - Test Administrators must use timing boxes.
  - Test Administrators may post “Go On” and “Stop” signs as visual cues for students at the start of testing (a copy of the sign is available in the TAMs).
  - Test Administrators and Proctors shall NOT comment on any student work at any time.
  - Test Administrators and Proctors shall NOT help students in any way except to clarify the general instructions or provide directions as specified in the TAMs.
  - Clarify the types of questions from students Test Administrators can answer during testing.
  - Under no circumstances are students to be prompted to revise, edit, or complete any test questions during or after testing.
  - All test items and all student responses, including student work on scratch paper, in the NJSLA assessment are secure and may NOT be released, copied, or duplicated in any way, or kept at the school once testing is completed.
- Review local policies for testing day, including but not limited to:
  - Procedures for breaks
  - Calculators
  - Mathematics tools
  - Procedures for students who finish early, including allowable materials for students after testing
- Procedures for dismissing ill or disruptive students
- Escalation protocol for technical issues on testing day

- Review accessibility features and accommodations that will be available in the NJSLA assessments.
- Ensure that Test Administrators who will administer accessibility features or accommodations that require Test Administrator interaction (e.g., Human Reader/Human Signer) have specific training so that they know what is allowed during the assessment.
- Provide Test Administrators and Proctors with his or her assigned group of students for testing.
- Provide a copy of the testing schedule to Test Administrators and Proctors, and explain how it will be implemented for your school.
- Explain that some mathematics units include a non-calculator and a calculator section and that testing time includes both sections.
- Inform Test Administrators and Proctors of your school’s procedures for make-up testing.
- Review the security agreement and receive signed copies (refer to Appendix C).

Ensure that PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} user accounts for Test Administrators have been created before testing and review tasks for PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} as needed. Refer to the PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} training module for task-based modules on how to start, monitor, and end test sessions.

Review common TestNav errors and how to resolve them.

\section*{3.9 Organize Test Materials for Computer-Based Testing}
School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the school has all necessary testing materials and tools available and organized prior to the start of testing. Secure materials should be kept in a centrally located, locked storage with limited access.

\subsection*{3.9.1 Secure and Nonsecure Test Materials}
The School Test Coordinator must distribute test materials to and collect materials from the Test Administrators each test administration day. To maintain their security, test materials must NOT be stored in classrooms prior to or following the day of administration (refer to Appendix C).

Test materials that must be distributed to and collected from Test Administrators include:

- **NJSLA-supplied materials (printed from PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} at the district or school)**
  - Student testing tickets
- **NJSLA-supplied materials (shipped by vendor):**
  - TAMs
- **School-supplied materials**
  - Wooden No. 2 pencils with eraser(s)
  - Blank scratch paper
    - Test Administrators must supply at least one sheet of unused scratch paper (blank, lined, or graph) for each student. Students can request more scratch paper during the unit, if needed.
    - If graph paper is used during instruction, it is recommended that schools provide graph paper as scratch paper for mathematics units.
    - Test Administrators are responsible for collecting all used scratch paper to be securely destroyed. Schools may reuse unused scratch paper (only if paper is completely blank).
Calculators (if using hand-held calculators; see Calculators section for more information)
- Mathematics tools (see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for more information)
- Mathematics reference sheets (may be printed locally; see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for more information)
- Testing devices that meet the minimum technology specifications set forth by the state (Note: A student should NOT supply his or her own device for testing.)
- Headphones (see Headphones section for more information)
- Materials necessary for the administration of accommodations or accessibility features (For a full list of materials included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.)
- Timing device such as a clock or watch, to keep track of time during testing (if one is not clearly visible within the testing room)
- “Testing — Please Do Not Disturb” sign to post on the doors of the testing rooms (a copy of the sign is available in the TAMs)
- Computer or tablet for Test Administrators if they are managing test sessions

Calculators
- For grades 3–5, calculators are allowed for accommodation use only. Students with a calculator accommodation may only use a four-function calculator with square root and percentage functions.
- For grades 6–7, students may only use four-function calculators with square root and percentage functions for all calculator sections.
- For grade 8, students may only use scientific calculators for all calculator sections.
- For high school mathematics assessments, students may only use graphing calculators (with functionality consistent with the TI-84 or a similar model) for all calculator sections.

For computer-based testing, the calculator will be available through the testing platform. In order to provide comparability across schools in the consortium, students must only use calculators that are allowable for their grade/course assessment. Allowing the use of a calculator that is designated for a lower or higher grade level assessment may unfairly disadvantage or advantage students and is, therefore, not allowed. Only students with a specific calculator accommodation may use calculators outside of their grade level.

Districts or schools may provide students with hand-held calculators during calculator sections of mathematics units. Districts or schools should make this determination based on what is regularly used during instruction. If Districts or schools choose this option, Districts will determine who is responsible for providing hand-held calculators (e.g., school, student).

Additionally, schools must adhere to the following additional guidance regarding calculators:
- No calculators with Computer Algebra System (CAS) features are allowed.
- No tablet, laptop (or PDA), or phone-based calculators are allowed during NJSLA assessments.
- Students are NOT allowed to share calculators with another student during a test unit.
- Test Administrators must confirm that the memory on all calculators has been cleared before and after the testing sessions.
- Calculators with “QWERTY” keyboards are NOT permitted.
- If Districts or schools permit students to bring their own hand-held calculators for NJSLA assessment purposes, School Test Coordinators or Test Administrators must confirm that the calculators meet NJSLA requirements as defined above.
For students who meet the guidelines in the AF&A Manual for a calculation device, this accommodation allows a calculation device to be used on non-calculator sections of any NJSLA mathematics assessment. If a student needs a calculator as part of an accommodation in a non-calculator section, the student will need a hand-held calculator because an online calculator will NOT be available. If a student needs a specific calculator (e.g., large key, talking), the student may also bring his or her own, provided it is specified in his or her approved IEP or 504 plan. For more clarifications and complete guidance, refer to Section 3 (3D and 4E) of the AF&A Manual and the Calculator FAQ's under the Calculator Policy at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

Mathematics Tools for Administration
The tools listed below are optional for students who use them in daily instruction and who may find them useful during administration. If the tools are provided to students during administration, it is recommended that students have ample opportunity to practice with the practice tests or sample items using these tools.

- **Rulers and Protractors**: For computer-based assessments, required tools will be provided through the TestNav platform. Schools may not provide their own rulers and protractors in the grades where rulers and protractors are NJSLA-provided tools (see Table 3.0).

- **Paper Copies of Mathematics Reference Sheets**: For computer-based testing, mathematics reference sheets are available to students in grades 5–8 and high school through the testing platform. However, schools may choose to locally print and provide copies to students during testing. If providing students with printed copies of the mathematics reference sheets, the following protocols must be followed:
  - The copies must be free of any writing or notes.
  - If students write on the mathematics reference sheets during testing, the reference sheets are then considered secure materials and must be securely destroyed after testing that unit.

- **Geometry Tools**: Tracing paper, reflection tools, straight edges, and compasses are optional for the grade 8 mathematics, and Geometry assessments. Geometry tools are NOT allowed for grades 3–7, Algebra I, and Algebra II.

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If these tools are used, place the materials in a predetermined location in the testing room. If schools allow students to bring their own tools, they must be given to the School Test Coordinator or Test Administrator prior to testing to ensure that the tools are appropriate for testing (e.g., tools do NOT have any writing on them). For more Mathematics Tools clarifications, please see the Mathematics Tools policy at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.
Headphones
Headphones are needed for all ELA units, as well as for students who receive the text-to-speech accommodation for ELA assessments or the text-to-speech accessibility feature for mathematics assessments.

Stand-alone headphones (i.e., headphones not connected to a device) are also an accessibility feature; therefore, some students may use headphones as noise buffers to minimize distractions or filter external noise during testing. If students use headphones for this purpose, Test Administrators are responsible for ensuring that the headphones are NOT plugged into any device.

Schools have several options for ensuring they have a sufficient number of headphones. First, schools can instruct students to bring their own headphones. Second, if schools have a smaller number of headphones than students testing at the same time, schools can separate classes into a smaller number of students for administration. Third, schools can purchase additional device-compatible headphones.

For computer-based tests (ELA and accessibility features/accommodations) students should set the volume to the highest level on the device at the sign-in screen in TestNav. Students can adjust the volume level within TestNav at any point in the unit.

Note: Music programs on all testing devices should be closed and not running in the background.

Human Reader Scripts
Schools will receive paper copies of Human Reader scripts for students registered to take mathematics assessments with the Human Reader accessibility feature or accommodation. These secure documents are required to be used when providing a Human Reader accessibility feature for mathematics. Human Reader scripts must be returned to Pearson at the end of testing.

These scripts are necessary for the completion of testing and are considered secure materials. If students were not properly registered prior to the deadline, Test Coordinators must place an additional order for these materials. Refer to Section 3.10.4 for guidance on placing an additional order. Be sure to select “CBT Reader Scripts” from the materials drop-down on the Edit Materials Order screen.

Scripts are not provided for the computer-based English language arts assessments. Test Administrators will use the Proctor Authorization Ticket to read the test to all students in the session.

3.10 Organize Test Materials for Paper-Based Testing
District and School Test Coordinators are responsible for ensuring the school has all necessary testing materials and tools available and organized prior to the start of testing. Test materials will be automatically generated through the SR/PNP, provided the deadline is met. Secure materials should be kept in a centrally located, locked storage with limited access.

3.10.1 Secure and Nonsecure Test Materials
The School Test Coordinator must distribute test materials to and collect materials from the Test Administrators each test administration day. To maintain their security, test materials must NOT be stored in classrooms prior to or following the day of administration (refer to Appendix C).
Test materials that must be distributed to and collected from Test Administrators include:

- **NJSLA-supplied materials (shipped by vendor)**
  - Test booklets
  - Answer documents (grades 4–high school)
  - Mathematics reference sheets (grades 5–8 and high school)
  - Rulers and protractors (if applicable, see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for additional information)
  - TAMs

- **School-supplied materials**
  - Wooden No. 2 pencils with eraser(s)
    **Note:** Mechanical pencils must NOT be used; students should bring No. 2 pencils on the day of the test, but a supply should also be available.
  - Blank scratch paper
    - Test Administrators must supply at least one sheet of unused scratch paper (blank, lined, or graph) for each student. Students can request more scratch paper during the unit, if needed.
    - If graph paper is used during instruction, it is recommended that schools provide graph paper as scratch paper for mathematics units.
    - Test Administrators are responsible for collecting all used scratch paper to be securely destroyed. Schools may reuse unused scratch paper (only if paper is completely blank).
  - Calculators (see Calculators section for additional information)
  - Mathematics tools (see Mathematics Tools for Administration section for additional information)
  - Materials necessary for the administration of accommodations or accessibility features (For a full list of materials included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.)
  - Timing device such as a clock or watch, to keep track of time during testing (if one is not clearly visible within the testing room)
  - “Testing — Please Do Not Disturb,” “Go On” (PBT only), and “Stop” (PBT only) signs to post on the doors of the testing rooms or the board (a copy of the sign is available in the TAMs)

**Calculators**
- For grades 3–5, calculators are allowed for accommodation use only. Students with a calculator accommodation may only use a four-function calculator with square root and percentage functions.
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- For grade 8, students may use only scientific calculators for all calculator sections.
- For high school mathematics assessments, students may use only graphing calculators (with functionality consistent with the TI-84 or a similar model) for all calculator sections.

Students must only use calculators that are allowable for their grade/course assessment. Allowing for the use of a calculator that is designated for a lower or higher grade level assessment may unfairly disadvantage or advantage students and is, therefore, not allowed. Only students with a specific calculator accommodation may use calculators outside of their grade level.
During units that are comprised of both a non-calculator section and calculator section, students will be prompted to raise their hand to ask for a calculator if this option applies.

Additionally, schools must adhere to the following additional guidance regarding calculators:

- No calculators with Computer Algebra System (CAS) features are allowed.
- No tablet, laptop (or PDA), or phone-based calculators are allowed during NJSLA assessments.
- Students are NOT allowed to share calculators with another student during a test unit.
- Test Administrators must confirm that the memory on all calculators has been cleared before and after the testing sessions.
- Calculators with “QWERTY” keyboards are NOT permitted.

For students who meet the guidelines in the AF&A Manual for a calculation device, this accommodation allows a calculation device to be used on non-calculator sections of any NJSLA mathematics assessment. If a student needs a specific calculator (e.g., large key, talking), the student may also bring his or her own, provided it is specified in his or her approved IEP or 504 plan. For additional clarifications, refer to the Calculator FAQ's under the Calculator Policy at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.

Mathematics Tools for Administration

The tools listed below are optional for students who use them in daily instruction and who may find them useful during administration. If the tools are provided to students during administration, it is recommended that students have ample opportunity to practice with the practice tests or sample items using these tools.

- **Rulers and Protractors**: NJSLA will provide required rulers and protractors for paper-based assessments at certain grade levels, as outlined in Table 3.1.
  - Required tools will be included in the shipment of materials.
  - Students are not permitted to use outside rulers or protractors if these tools are provided by NJSLA for use on their grade level assessment.
  - Protractors are an optional tool for grade 8 and all high school mathematics courses. Rulers are an optional tool for high school mathematics courses. NJSLA will not provide these materials.

- **Mathematics Reference Sheets**: Mathematics reference sheets are provided in the test materials shipments for grades 5–8 and high school.
  - The copies must be free of any writing or notes. Do NOT distribute copies with student writing.
  - If additional copies are needed, schools may either locally print the approved copies available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com (recommended) or order them through PearsonAccessnext.
  - If students write on the mathematics reference sheets during testing, the reference sheets are then considered secure materials and must be securely destroyed after testing that unit.

- **Geometry Tools**: Tracing paper, reflection tools, straight edges, and compasses are optional for the grade 8 mathematics and Geometry assessments. Geometry tools are NOT allowed for grades 3–7, Algebra I, and Algebra II.
Table 3.1 Rulers and Protractors for Paper-Based Testing

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<td>• Ruler (⅛ inch)</td>
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<td>Grade 8</td>
<td>• Ruler (¼ inch)</td>
<td>• Protractor</td>
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<tr>
<td>High School (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II,)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>• Ruler • Protractor</td>
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If these tools are used, place the materials in a predetermined location in the testing room. If schools allow students to bring their own tools, they must be given to the School Test Coordinator or Test Administrator prior to testing to ensure that the tools are appropriate for testing (e.g., tools do NOT have any writing on them). For more Mathematics Tools clarifications, please see the Mathematics Tools policy at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).

3.10.2 Receive, Document, and Store Materials

Test booklets and answer documents are shrink-wrapped separately and packed in boxes, clearly labeled with the school’s name, and shipped to either the District Test Coordinator or the School Test Coordinator (refer to Appendix C for the dates that materials are scheduled to arrive).

Shrink-wrapped packages can be opened at the school level between two to five school days prior to the day of testing, as described in Appendix C.

Each day before and after test administration, both scorable and nonscorable test materials must be stored in a secure location, and daily distribution and collection must be documented using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log (refer to Section 2.1). Follow the instructions below for receiving materials and taking inventory, which should be done immediately after receiving test materials.

- Remove the packing list and School Chain-of-Custody Form from box 1.
- Remove the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Review the contents of this package and notify the district if additional materials are needed. Place the Test Coordinator Kit, and all of its contents, in a secure location to be retrieved after the completion of testing. The kit contains the following items:
  - Resealable plastic bag (holds all materials)
  - Paper bands for bundling and returning scorable test booklets (grade 3) and scorable answer documents (grades 4–high school)
  - Pearson Return Labels for **scorable** materials (Scorable and nonscorable labels will be different colors.)
  - Pearson Return Labels for **nonscorable** materials (Scorable and nonscorable labels will be different colors.)
  - UPS Ground Return Labels for **scorable** materials
  - UPS Ground Return Labels for **nonscorable** materials
  - Pre-printed/pre-gridded Scorable Materials Return School Header
  - Student ID labels (one per student)
  - Student Roster
  - Pearson Return Instructions Sheet
  - Shipping Carrier Return Instructions
• Count the materials received to verify that the quantities listed on the school packing list were shipped as indicated, and also that there is an adequate number of Test Administrator Manuals, test booklets, and answer documents (for grades 4–high school) for students in the school. Schools will be provided a five percent overage of these testing materials. If additional materials are needed, submit an additional order through PearsonAccessnext.
  - One Test Administration Manual will be provided for every 25 students registered in PearsonAccessnext.
• Ensure that any missing or damaged test booklets and answer documents are replaced. If additional materials are needed, submit an additional order through PearsonAccessnext.
• Keep all test materials in centrally located, locked storage with limited access until distributing them to the Test Administrators. Test materials must be distributed only on the test administration day and must be returned to the School Test Coordinator for secure storage immediately after testing using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other equivalent (except when needed for accommodations).
• Remind Test Administrators that all test materials are secure and must be returned immediately after testing.
• Keep all boxes in which the test materials were delivered for returning materials when testing is complete.
• Report the following occurrences immediately to Pearson using the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in Appendix E.
  - Non-receipt of any packages of test booklets or answer documents listed on the School Packing List
  - Discovery of a damaged test booklet or answer document
  - Discovery of missing or duplicate sequence numbers on any test booklets or answer documents. Barcodes for test booklets are on the front cover in the lower right-hand corner.

3.10.3 Account for Damaged Test Booklets and Answer Documents (For Paper-Based Testing Only)
Review your shipment for damaged materials. Return damaged test booklets and answer documents with all other nonscorable materials.

During testing, if a student discovers a damaged test booklet or answer document, give the student a replacement test booklet or answer document. When the student completes all units, follow the directions for transcription in Section 5.2.2. Grid all student demographic information on the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school). Then follow instructions in Section 5.2.2 for “Do Not Score” booklets (grade 3) and answer documents (grades 4–high school).

3.10.4 Additional Orders
Do NOT submit additional orders prior to receiving your initial shipment of test materials. All test materials should be inventoried prior to submitting any additional orders.

Refer to the User Role Matrix document posted on the Support > Documentation page of PearsonAccessnext for more information.

Additional orders may be placed by submitting an order through the Orders & Shipment Tracking page in PearsonAccessnext. This page can also be used to track orders placed by your organization.

Be sure to review orders carefully. Once an additional order is approved, plan for up to five business days for orders to arrive.
For a detailed list of materials that are included in accommodated kits, see Section 6.2.

- Additional copies of the Test Coordinator Manual and/or the Test Administrator Manual can be ordered using the additional order process.
- If you have students requiring paper-based accommodated test materials, tactile graphics, or Human Reader scripts, their student registration import must be completed by the initial order deadline to receive an initial order of accommodated materials. Otherwise, you will need to place an additional order for paper-based accommodated test materials.

### 3.11 Finalize Preparations for Computer-Based and Paper-Based Testing

Before testing, School Test Coordinators must confirm the following tasks have been completed:

- Verify that testing rooms are configured so that students are separated by a reasonable distance to encourage independent work and to prevent cheating.
- Ensure testing rooms are clear of all instructional displays (refer to Section 2.3 for prohibited materials).
- Prepare to distribute testing materials to Test Administrators.

For computer-based testing, School Test Coordinators must also:

- Confirm that all the testing devices meet the requirements needed to administer the computer-based tests.
- Confirm that headphones are available for every student taking computer-based tests for ELA or accommodations/accessibility purposes only.
- Print student testing tickets.
- Confirm that precaching activities are complete, if applicable.
- Create computer-based test sessions in PearsonAccess next.
- Verify the students needing accessibility features and/or accommodations (e.g., text-to-speech) have been assigned the correct test form.
- If needed, remind Test Administrators that there are task-based PearsonAccess next training modules on how to start and stop test sessions.

For paper-based testing, School Test Coordinators must also record all test materials (with security numbers listed on the secure documents) in chain-of-custody documentation in preparation for hand-off to Test Administrators on testing day.

### 3.12 Meet with Students

Prior to testing, it is recommended School Test Coordinators meet with students to review the following information:

- Testing schedule
- Materials students are allowed to bring with them to testing (e.g., headphones, hand-held calculators, recreational book for after testing)
- Policy that making calls, texting, taking pictures, and browsing the internet are NOT allowed in the testing environment
- Any local school procedures during testing (i.e., procedures for breaks)
4.0 DURING Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) to perform during testing days. Section 4.1 provides directions for schools administering computer-based testing and Section 4.2 provides directions for schools administering paper-based testing. Some or all tasks in these sections may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC).

4.1 Computer-Based Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) during testing days. Section 4.1.1 contains the checklist for all activities related to computer-based testing while Sections 4.1.2–4.1.6 contain specific details for tasks during testing.

4.1.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators to Complete DURING Computer-Based Testing

Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist is strongly recommended.

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<td>Manage test sessions in PearsonAccessnext.</td>
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<td>Monitor each testing room to ensure that test administration and security protocols are followed, and required administration information is being documented and collected. Be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators.</td>
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<td>Investigate all testing irregularities and security breaches and follow policy for reporting these incidents.</td>
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<td>Ensure that Test Administrators provide applicable students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features.</td>
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<td>Respond to all technology-related issues.</td>
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<td>Collect materials from Test Administrators.</td>
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<td>For each testing day, ensure that all units are locked after testing.</td>
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4.1.2 Managing Test Sessions in PearsonAccessnext (Day of Testing)

Before students can begin testing, Test Coordinators or Test Administrators will need to log in to PearsonAccessnext, prepare each test session, start each test session, check accommodated form assignments, and unlock the appropriate unit for students. After a session is started, Test Administrators can monitor the real-time status of students by refreshing their browsers. Table 4.0 describes the possible statuses for a student during each unit.
Table 4.0 Student Statuses in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}

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<td>Ready</td>
<td>The student has not yet started the unit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Active</td>
<td>The student has logged in and started the unit.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exited</td>
<td>The student has exited TestNav but has not submitted test responses. (Student cannot resume testing unless authorized by Test Administrator.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Resumed</td>
<td>The student has been authorized to resume the unit.</td>
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<td>Resume a unit when a student exits a unit (either intentionally or unintentionally), before finishing the unit and you want the student to continue the same unit.</td>
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<td>Only students in Exited status can be resumed. Students in Ready, Completed, or Marked Complete statuses cannot be resumed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Resumed-Upload</td>
<td>Resume Upload should only be used in rare circumstances when TestNav cannot locate the Student Response File (SRF) and an error code appears on the student testing device. Resume Upload will force the user to browse for an SRF on the testing device.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Completed</td>
<td>The unit has been submitted by the student through TestNav and has been processed.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Marked Complete</td>
<td>The Test Administrator or School Test Coordinator must mark a unit complete when a student has exited TestNav and will not return.</td>
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**Note:** If a student has been assigned a test without their proper accommodation, every unit must be marked complete and the entire test must be voided. Contact your district test coordinator for information about marking a test complete or voiding a test.

Refer to the PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} Online User Guide at https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/PAsup for instructions on logging into PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} and performing the tasks described in this section.

In addition, Test Coordinators or Test Administrators may unlock or lock units at the session level. Test Administrators may unlock or lock individual units for appropriate students. Only the unit being tested should be unlocked for a student (only one unit unlocked for each student at a time). Refer to the PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} Manage Students in Sessions training module for more information (available at https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/H4BIAQ).

**Note:** Ensure students do not have any programs or apps running prior to launching TestNav. These programs may interrupt testing or cause a testing irregularity or security breach.

### 4.1.3 Technology Tasks DURING Testing

**Troubleshooting Computer-Based Testing**

Technology Coordinators or their designee should be on hand to help address any technology issues. They should be mindful of test security procedures. Resources for troubleshooting the following common computer-based testing issues have been developed:

- If a student has the wrong form assignment for accommodated testing (refer to Section 4.1.4)
- If a student exits TestNav (either unintentionally or intentionally)

If a student exits TestNav (either unintentionally or intentionally) before completing a test:

- Verify that TestNav is shut down for the student.
- Resume the student’s test in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}.
  - The student’s test will resume from the point at which the test was interrupted.
The system will upload any test responses that the student entered after the interruption if resuming on the same testing device.

Technology Coordinators should respond as quickly as possible when technology disruptions occur. Cell phones are permitted in the testing environment to contact the NJSLA Customer Support Center when troubleshooting guidance is needed. However, Technology Coordinators must NOT take photos of error screens. Error codes for TestNav and guidance for resolving computer-based testing issues can be found in the TestNav 8 User Guide or at https://support.assessment.pearson.com/display/TN/Error+Codes.

4.1.4 Monitor Test Activity and Maintain Test Security
The School Test Coordinator must be actively involved in test administration by monitoring testing and ensuring test security procedures are followed as described in this manual. School Test Coordinators must be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators and Proctors. District Test Coordinators must monitor reports of testing irregularities and security breaches and ensure that School Test Coordinators follow procedures for reporting such events. Refer to Appendix C.

School Test Coordinators must ensure that during each unit of the test, Test Administrators and Proctors walk around the room and check that students are working in the correct unit and section (if applicable). At no time are any school staff allowed to log in to TestNav using a student testing ticket; however, Test Administrators may help students log in if issues arise.

In addition, ensure that Test Administrators provide applicable students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features. If a computer-based accommodation is not appearing for a student, refer to NJSLA Personal Needs Profile (PNP) Guidance—Managing Incorrect Accessibility Features and Accommodation PNP Data (available at http://nj.pearsonsupport.com).

4.1.5 End-of-Unit Tasks

Collect Materials
Immediately after each unit in each grade/course is completed, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

- Student testing tickets
- Used and unused scratch paper (unused scratch paper may be reused)
- Accommodated test materials
- Printed mathematics reference sheets for grades 5-high school (if printed locally, refer to Section 3.9.1 for more information)

At the end of each day of testing, ensure all materials from the NJSLA assessment have been returned to the locked storage area. Verify units have been locked for absent students during sessions and that all units for all students are locked overnight. For more information, refer to the PearsonAccessnext Manage Students in Sessions training module available at https://support.assessment.pearson.com/x/H4BIAQ.

Ensure TestNav Logout and Lock Units/Sections
As students complete each unit, Test Administrators will use the instructions at the end of the administration script or in the TestNav Login and Logout Instructions (available at http://nj.pearsonsupport.com) to help students log out of TestNav. Test Administrators may provide navigational guidance as students click through the log out steps and may reference a printed copy of the TestNav Login and Logout Instructions during testing.
Test Coordinators may check to ensure all students have logged out of TestNav by reviewing student statuses on the Testing > Students in Sessions page in PearsonAccess next. Students logged in to TestNav will appear in an Active status. Those student testing devices should be checked to make sure TestNav has been exited after testing.

Only mark student tests complete in PearsonAccess next if the student started, but will NOT complete the unit.

After all students are logged out of TestNav, the School Test Coordinator must ensure that all units/sections in PearsonAccess next are locked. Refer to Section 3.2 for more information.

**Administer Make-Up Testing**

If a student is NOT tested during the regular administration, he or she may be moved into a new make-up test session in PearsonAccess next (refer to the directions in the PearsonAccess next Online User Guide). However, if the student will rejoin the regular administration for any remaining units, it is recommended that you leave that student in the original test session in PearsonAccess next. For students taking a make-up test, unlock the appropriate unit in PearsonAccess next to allow the student to log in to the missed unit. The test session should not be stopped until all students in the test session have completed testing.

**Note:** Make-up test sessions must reflect the original test session (e.g., a test session with a Human Reader will need a make-up test session with a Human Reader).
4.2 Paper-Based Testing
This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) during testing days. Section 4.2.1 contains the checklist for all activities related to paper-based testing while Sections 4.2.2–4.2.5 contain specific details for tasks during testing.

4.2.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators to Complete DURING Paper-Based Testing
Completing tasks during the timelines in this checklist is strongly recommended.

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<td>Follow the protocol for contaminated or damaged test materials, and refer to policy for reporting these incidents.</td>
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<td>Collect materials from Test Administrators and ensure all test booklets and answer documents have a student name and/or student ID label.</td>
<td>Section 4.2.4</td>
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4.2.2 Monitor Test Activity and Maintain Test Security
The District Test Coordinator, or the School Test Coordinator, must be actively involved in test administration by monitoring testing and ensuring test security procedures are followed as described in this manual. DTCs must also monitor reports of testing irregularities and security breaches and ensure that STCs follow procedures for reporting such events. Refer to Appendix C.

STCs must be available during testing to answer questions from Test Administrators and Proctors. STCs must ensure that during each unit of the test, TAs and Proctors walk around the room and check that students are working in the correct unit and section (if applicable).

In addition, ensure that TAs provide students with their approved testing accommodations and pre-identified accessibility features. Remember, the Human Reader script must be used if a human reader is administering the mathematics assessment, and Human Reader scripts are secure test materials.

In PearsonAccessnext, there are operational reports STCs may run that provide a summary of student participation statuses. For a full list of these reports and their purposes, refer to the NJSLA Operational Report Guidance available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com.
4.2.3 Procedures for Contaminated, Torn, or Damaged Materials

Contaminated Test Materials
If any test materials (e.g., test booklets, answer documents) become contaminated with bodily fluids (e.g., student becomes ill on a test booklet or answer document), the following procedures must be followed.

1. The Test Administrator must immediately:
   a. Stop testing for the student or group, as needed.
   b. Record the amount of time remaining.
   c. If possible, record the item number and page number where the student stopped testing.
   d. Follow your school procedure for medical emergencies.

2. Qualified school personnel must safely handle the soiled test booklet or answer document and place it in a resealable, plastic bag with the security barcode label visible from the exterior. Handling materials must be done in accordance with procedures outlined in OSHA regulations.

3. After the testing area is cleaned and the students have returned, the Test Administrator must remind students of the amount of time remaining for the test unit prior to the disruption. Testing may then resume.
   a. If the ill student returns to resume testing and the completed responses can be transcribed into a replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school), the Test Administrator must provide the student with a new test booklet or answer document. The Test Administrator must ensure the student’s name is recorded on the front of the replacement test booklet or answer document for proper identification.
   b. If the ill student returns to resume testing and the completed responses cannot be transcribed into a replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school), the student must be given the opportunity to retake those units using a replacement test booklet and answer document during make-up testing. Contact the grade level state coordinator for further guidance if necessary.

4. After testing is complete, the School Test Coordinator must:
   a. Apply the student ID label to the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school) prior to returning it.
   b. Record the security barcode number of the contaminated test booklet or answer document on the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in Appendix E.
   c. Record the security barcode number of the replacement test booklet or answer document on the Chain-of-Custody Form.
   d. If applicable, transcribe the completed response from the contaminated test booklet or answer document into a replacement one.
      i. Follow the guidelines for transcribing student responses in Section 5.2.2.
      ii. Return the replacement test booklet to Pearson along with the rest of the scorable materials.
   e. Securely destroy the contaminated test booklet or answer document according to district biohazard protocols. Do not return contaminated material to Pearson.
   f. Compile a list of contaminated test booklets and answer documents and maintain it on file for the length of time specified in Appendix C.

5. The School Test Coordinator must notify the state or District Test Coordinator as soon as reasonably possible according to policy found in Appendix C.
Torn or Damaged Test Materials
If any test materials are damaged (e.g., ripped pages, incorrectly applied labels), the following procedures must be followed.

1. The test booklet or answer document must be replaced. After testing but within the test window, the student’s answers must be transcribed into a replacement test booklet or answer document.
   a. Answers must be transcribed following the guidelines for transcribing student responses in Section 5.2.2.
   b. The School Test Coordinator must immediately notify the District Test Coordinator or the state according to policy found in Appendix C.
2. The Test Administrator must ensure the student’s name is recorded on the front of the replacement test booklet or answer document.
3. After testing is complete, the School Test Coordinator must:
   a. Apply the student ID label to the replacement test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grade 4–high school) or fill out the data grid completely.
   b. Record the security barcode number of the replacement test booklet or answer document on the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in Appendix E.
   c. Return the replacement test booklet or answer document to Pearson along with all other scorable materials.
   d. Pack the damaged test booklet or answer document with the nonscorable materials and return it to Pearson (refer to Section 5.2.2 for more information about marking test materials as Do Not Score).
   e. Compile a list of all damaged test booklets and answer documents and maintain it on file for the length of time specified, according to policy found in Appendix C.

4.2.4 End-of-Unit Tasks
Collect Materials
Immediately after each unit in each grade/course is completed, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

- All used and unused test booklets (Ensure all test booklets have a student name written on them.)
- All used and unused answer documents for grades 4–high school (Ensure all answer documents have a student name written on them.)
- Used and unused scratch paper (Unused scratch paper may be reused.)
- NJSLA-supplied mathematics reference sheets, rulers, and protractors
- Any accommodated responses provided in another format (If the response is being transcribed directly from a computer, then the computer must remain secure until the responses are transcribed. Then the responses must be totally removed from the computer).

Follow all chain-of-custody procedures. At the end of each day of testing, ensure all materials from the NJSLA assessment have been returned to the secure storage area. Take inventory of all secure materials to be sure that none are missing; if materials are missing, follow policy guidance in Appendix C.

Administer Make-Up Testing
Students who are NOT tested on the regular administration date due to a temporary illness or other excused absence should be tested during the make-up testing period. For guidelines, refer to Section 2.4.3.
4.3 Procedures for Testing Irregularities (Day of Testing)

4.3.1 Dismissing Students for Misconduct
The Test Administrator has the authority to dismiss any student for misconduct according to your local policy. If student misconduct warrants dismissal, collect the student’s test materials. The student will then be dismissed from the testing environment. The student may be eligible to continue testing in another location (e.g., guidance counselor’s office) according to local policy. The school or district test coordinator must submit a Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach within two school days unless otherwise directed by the appropriate NJSLA State Contact. For additional guidance, please refer to Appendix C.

If a student is observed with any of the items listed in Section 2.3 during testing or during breaks, the Test Administrator should collect the prohibited materials. The school or district should complete the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach in Appendix D and follow policy for submitting the form.

4.3.2 Item Irregularities During Testing
If during testing, a student alerts a Test Administrator to a possible unanswerable or misprinted test item, use the following steps:

- For computer-based testing: If the issue being experienced is with a particular item, the Test Administrator should instruct the student to bookmark the item and continue testing. At the end of testing, the Test Administrator should try to troubleshoot the issue with the remaining item by contacting their Technology Coordinator. If troubleshooting does not resolve the issue, the Test Administrator, Technology Coordinator, or School Test Coordinator should call the NJSLA Support Center to report the issue.
- If a timely solution cannot be found, the Test Administrator should:
  - Instruct the student to proceed with the test.
  - Note the content area, course/grade level, form ID (CBT only), item number, test format (online or paper), and a brief description of the issue and provide that information to the School Test Coordinator to complete the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach. Actual wording from the question should never be included either verbally or in writing.
- Remember, school personnel may NOT read or review a test item [Exception: Accommodations that require review of items].

4.3.3 Procedures for Safety Threats and Severe Weather
In all instances of safety and severe weather threats, consult your local evacuation policy. In the event that there is a building evacuation, lockdown, or school closure that occurs before the start of a unit, follow the protocol outlined below:

- Proceed with testing only if the unit can be completed that day.
  - If the unit cannot be completed, schedule the unit during make-up testing.
- Document the situation, noting the event, date, and time, students affected, and any other specific details regarding the situation.
- Refer to Appendix C for the policy about reporting safety threats and severe weather.
In the event that there is a building evacuation, lockdown, or school closure that occurs during the unit, follow the protocol outlined below:

- If possible, note the time of the disruption so that the remaining time for the unit can be calculated.
- If leaving the test environment, take necessary steps to ensure the security of the test materials, if time permits. For computer-based testing, lock the test units in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}, if time permits.
- Upon returning to the testing room, prepare students for the continuation of the unit:
  - Test Administrators must inform students how many minutes remain in the unit.
  - Test Administrators must write on the board the updated start time and stop time of the unit.
  - Students may need to be Resumed in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}.
- Using the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach, document the situation.
- Refer to Appendix C for the policy about reporting safety threats and severe weather.
5.0 AFTER Completion of ALL Testing

5.1 Computer-Based Testing

5.1.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators and Technology Coordinators AFTER Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) and Technology Coordinator (TC) to perform after testing is complete. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your district policy. Since Section 5.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 5.1.2–5.1.5 for more details.

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<td>Stop all test sessions. Student tests are not submitted for scoring until the session is in Stop status.</td>
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5.1.2 Collect and Organize Materials

Secure Materials

Immediately after the final unit is administered, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators.

Secure test materials that must be securely destroyed:

- Student testing tickets
- Student rosters containing TestNav usernames and passwords
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information
- Scratch paper written on by students during testing
- All printed mathematics sheets

Secure test materials that must be shipped back to Pearson:

- Accommodated paper test booklets, if applicable. Braille and large print test booklets must be transcribed (Section 5.2.2) and returned (section 4.2.4) in order to be scored.
- Human Reader scripts
- Tactile graphics

Again, ensure all materials from the NJSLA assessment have been collected. Take inventory of all secure materials to be sure that none are missing. If any secure materials are missing, follow the
steps in Appendix C. Note: All accommodated paper-based booklets, Human Reader scripts, and tactile graphics are secure materials that must be shipped back to Pearson. Ship these secure materials back to Pearson within the first 5 days after the district testing window closes.

**Materials To Be Securely Destroyed**

The District Test Coordinator must ensure that the following test materials are securely destroyed/shredded immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- Scratch paper written on by students during testing
- Printed mathematics reference sheets written on by students during testing
- Printed student testing tickets
- Any other school-generated reports or documents, which contain personally identifiable student information (e.g., PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} generated reports or any school rosters)
- All accommodated responses (Do NOT destroy test booklets, answer documents, and Human Reader scripts.)

Shredding (or other method of securely destroying test materials) may be done at the school or by using an outside company. Once secured destruction of materials is complete, it must be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log (refer to Section 2.1). Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

**Nonsecure Materials To Be Recycled**

The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are recycled immediately after all testing is complete (either by the district or school):

- *Test Administrator Manuals*
- Unused mathematics reference sheets

Once recycling is complete, it should be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Recycling and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

Note: If no paper-based or accommodated materials were shipped to the school/district, there may not be anything that needs to be shipped to Pearson.

**5.1.3 PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} Cleanup Activities for Computer-Based Testing**

**Stop Test Sessions**

If all students have completed testing and submitted their responses, stop test sessions by clicking the **Stop** button on the Students in Sessions screen on PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. Test sessions must be stopped in order to be submitted for scoring. Test sessions cannot be stopped until:

- Students in Ready status have been moved to a make-up test session in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} or have been removed from the test session
- All students are in Completed or Marked Complete status

**Remove Students in Ready Status**

Students tests that have NOT been started must be removed from the test session in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} before the test session can be stopped.

**Mark Tests Complete**

School Test Coordinators or their designee must manually mark student tests complete for students who exited the test and did not resume testing or exited a test instead of clicking **Submit**. The reason the test is being Marked Complete must be entered in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. Do NOT mark a student’s test complete if it is in Ready status.
Manage Student Tests
After test sessions have been stopped, Test Coordinators may need to update student test registrations on the **Setup > Students** page in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}, mark tests as **Not Tested** or **Void** (as needed), and resolve critical warnings (e.g., missing demographic information).

**Not Tested and Voided Tests**
Students with test registrations who did **NOT** participate in testing (e.g., absent for the entire testing window), but may need to be accounted for, should be marked as **Not Tested** in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. Refer to **Appendix C** for **Not Tested** Reasons.

Voiding a test means the test will **NOT** be scored or used for reporting purposes. This task (Void) can occur at the test level (e.g., a complete ELA/L test of Unit 1, Unit 2, Unit 3). Only students with a test attempt should be marked as **Void**. If a test attempt should be marked **Void**, refer to **Appendix C**.

**Resolve Critical Warnings**
PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} will show critical warnings for students who have key demographic information missing. Refer to the **Resolve Student Warnings and Errors** section of the **PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next Online User Guide}** for guidance on resolving critical warnings.

5.1.4 Complete the Post-Test Certification Form
The purpose of the form is for the Principal and STC to certify that the security and integrity of your school’s test administration was maintained before, during, and after testing. Once materials have been securely destroyed or recycled, the Test Coordinator must complete and sign the Post-Test Certification Form. The Principal, if different from the Test Coordinator, must also sign the form. Refer to NJSLA at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com) for a copy of the form. Refer to **Appendix C** for guidance on the use and submission of this form.

5.1.5 Keep Records
The following records (physical or electronic) must be maintained by your school as noted in **Appendix C**: Required:

- Chain-of-custody documentation (refer to Section 2.1)
- If not already included in chain-of-custody documentation, test group/classroom roster records noting who administered each test session (both Test Administrator and Proctors), and noting the names of students assigned to that group

If Applicable:

- Copies of all signed Security Agreements (refer to **Appendix B**)
- Copies of any Forms to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
- Copies of any Forms to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
- A copy of your signed Post-Test Certification Form
### 5.2 Paper-Based Testing

#### 5.2.1 Checklist of Tasks for Test Coordinators AFTER Testing

This section describes activities for the School Test Coordinator (STC) to perform after testing is complete. Some or all tasks in this section may be applicable to the District Test Coordinator (DTC) depending on the procedures specific to your district policy. Since Section 5.2.1 only provides a checklist of tasks, refer to Sections 5.2.2–5.2.7 for more details.

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<td>Recycle <em>Test Administrator Manuals</em> and unused NJSLA-supplied mathematics reference sheets.</td>
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<td>Return secure materials and ensure that all return boxes have appropriate labels within five business days of the district testing end date.</td>
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<td>Resolve rejected student test alerts in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} per our state guidelines.</td>
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*For paper-based testing, this process will begin after all paper materials have been received and processed by Pearson.

### 5.2.2 Collect and Organize Materials

Immediately after the final unit is administered, collect the test materials listed below from Test Administrators. Take inventory of all secure test materials using the Chain-of-Custody Form and organize them in preparation for shipment. If any secure materials are contaminated or missing, follow the policy guidance outlined in Appendix C.

- All used and unused test booklets
- All used and unused answer documents
  - Test booklets and answer documents are considered used in any instance where a student has tested, including incomplete or partially complete test booklets and answer documents.
- Human Reader Scripts
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information
- Used and unused scratch paper
- *Test Administrator Manual*
- NJSLA-supplied mathematics reference sheets

**Note:** Schools may keep rulers and protractors after testing for instructional use. These materials must NOT have any writing on them. Rulers and protractors containing student notes should be securely destroyed.
Report Contaminated and Damaged Test Materials
If a test booklet or answer document becomes contaminated or damaged, follow your school or district protocol for reporting this to the state assessment office and complete the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials available in Appendix E. Refer to Section 4.2.3 for how to handle contaminated or damaged test materials.

Report Missing Test Materials
Schools must investigate any report of missing test materials. If, after a thorough investigation, the missing materials are not found, the School Test Coordinator must follow steps in Appendix C. Complete the Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials.

Transcription of Student Test Responses
Certain situations require a student’s responses to be transcribed into a standard, scorable test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school). These situations may include:

- Answers were recorded in another student’s test booklet or answer document.
- A test booklet or answer document became damaged or contaminated (e.g., torn, wrinkled).
- A student took the test using a special test format (e.g., large print, braille).
- The student used a speech-to-text converter, augmentative communication device, or assistive technology device.
- As an accommodation, a student recorded answers on blank paper, instead of on the required test booklet or answer document.

If a student’s responses must be transcribed after test administration is completed, the following steps must be followed:

1. At least two authorized staff members must be present during any transcription of student responses. One will serve as the transcriber, and the other will be an observer confirming the accuracy of the transcription. It is highly recommended that one of the individuals be an authorized District Test Coordinator or School Test Coordinator. Refer to Appendix C for additional information.
2. The student’s responses must be transcribed verbatim into the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school). Confirm the test booklet and answer document are for the same form (e.g., main or accommodated). Refer to Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation in the AF&A Manual for guidance and an example.
   - Mark the original test booklet or answer document “Do Not Score” according to the directions in the following section.
   - Exception: A scribe for a student who signs his or her responses in ASL will write the student’s responses in English (e.g., student signs “HOUSE WHITE LIVE THERE ME.” Scribe writes “I live in the white house.”).
3. Braille transcription: ONLY an eligible Test Administrator who is a certified Teacher of Students with Visual Impairment, including Blindness or someone working under his or her direct supervision may transcribe the student’s responses into the standard, scorable test booklet or answer document included in the braille kit. The transcriber must be able to fluently read the braille code the student wrote in Unified English Braille (UEB).
4. Any original student responses that were printed from an assistive technology device or recorded in another accommodation document such as blank paper must be securely destroyed.

Failure to transcribe a student’s test responses in these situations will result in the student NOT receiving a score.
“Do Not Score” Test Materials

If there is a test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school) already assigned for a student in one of the categories below, write “DO NOT SCORE” in large letters or draw a large “X” across the front cover. Both methods are acceptable for indicating materials should not be scored.

- A student whose test booklet or answer document became damaged/unusable (Refer to Transcription of Student Test Responses above for instructions on transcribing the student’s responses to a new test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school).
- A student whose student ID label has already been applied to a test booklet or answer document but did not participate in any testing (e.g., absent with or without medical documentation)

Figure 5.0 Do Not Score Test Materials

5.2.3 Organize Materials

Apply student ID labels to the front covers of the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school) in the lower left-hand corner.

- Locate the student ID labels that were shipped in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.”
- ONLY the STC or designee may apply labels; parents/guardians and students are prohibited from doing so.
- Before applying a label on top of box C on the booklet cover, confirm that the name that has been handwritten in box A at the top of the front cover of the test booklet matches the name on the label.
- **The student ID label will override any bubbled demographic information.**
- If a student ID label includes incorrect information, apply the label to the student’s test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school) and update the student’s information in PearsonAccessnext.
- Set aside student ID labels that were not used (e.g., labels for students who transferred out of the school before testing began, labels with incorrect information) to be securely destroyed/shredded.
It is recommended that schools apply the student ID labels after testing.

**Figure 5.1 Sample Student ID Label**

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**Hand Grid Demographic Pages**

If there is no student ID label available for the student, all information on the student demographic data grid must be marked on the test booklet (grade 3) or answer document (grades 4–high school) using a wooden No. 2 pencil. If there is a label for a student, only box A will be completed.
Table 5.0 Instructions for Hand Gridding Demographic Pages
(complete all fields if there is not a label)

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<td>Student Name, School Name, District Name</td>
<td>Test Administrators will instruct students to write their names in this box during administration. Students will not be instructed to fill in the school or district name and are not required to do so.</td>
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| B   | Student Name | Using the student’s legal name, print the student’s last name in the row of boxes under the section for “Last Name.” Print only one letter in each box, beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified). If there are not enough boxes for all of the letters in the student’s last name, leave off the letters at the end.
Print the student’s first name in the row of boxes under the section for “First Name.” Do not use a nickname. Print only one letter in each box, beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified). If there are not enough boxes for all of the letters in the student’s first name, leave off the letters at the end.
Print the first letter of the student’s middle name in the box under the section for “MI.” Leave the box blank if the student does not have a middle name.
Fill in the appropriate bubble in the column under each letter in the student’s name. If there are any blank boxes at the end of their name, fill in the empty bubbles at the top of the column. |
| C   | Student ID labels | If a school does not have a pre-printed student ID label, this box should remain blank. |
| D   | Gender | Fill in the bubble that corresponds to the student’s gender. |
| E   | Date of Birth | Fill in the bubbles for the Day, Month, and Year for the student’s date of birth. For example, if the student was born March 2, 2001, fill in the bubbles for 0 and 2 in the Day column, for the month of March designated by “Mar” in the Month column, and the bubble for 2, 0, 0, and 1 in the Year column. |
| F   | State Student Identifier | Enter the student’s State Student ID Number in the boxes at the top of the columns. Fill in the appropriate bubble in the column under each number beginning in the first box on the left (i.e., left justified). |

**Materials To Be Securely Destroyed**
The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are destroyed/shredded immediately after all testing is complete (either by the DTC or STC):
- Scratch paper written on by students during testing
- Mathematics reference sheets written on by students during testing
- Any reports or other documents that contain personally identifiable student information

Once shredding (or other method of securely destroying test materials) is complete, it must be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Secured destruction of materials and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.

**Nonsecure Materials To Be Recycled**
The District Test Coordinator must ensure the following test materials are recycled immediately after all testing is complete (either by the DTC or STC):
- *Test Administrator Manuals*
- Unused mathematics reference sheets

Once recycling is complete, it should be documented on the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log. Recycling and documentation may be done at the school. Do NOT return these materials to Pearson.
5.2.4 Package Materials for Return Shipping

Before calling UPS, sort and package the materials according to the directions below so that you can return all materials with a single call. Refer to the Pearson Return Instruction Sheet and Shipping Carrier Return Instructions included in the Test Coordinator Kit shipped with your testing materials. Materials must be packed according to the school level, NOT the district level. Materials must be shipped no longer than 5 days after your district testing window closes. Materials returned late risk not receiving scores.

- **Scorable materials**
  - Used test booklets (grade 3)
  - Used answer documents (grades 4–high school)
  - Transcribed test booklets (grade 3)
  - Transcribed answer documents (grades 4–high school)

- **Nonscorable materials**
  - Unused test booklets (including for absent students)
  - Unused answer documents (grades 4–high school)
  - Used test booklets (grade 3) and answer documents (grades 4–high school) that have been marked “Do Not Score”
  - Used test booklets (grades 4–high school)
  - Human Reader scripts
  - Tactile graphics
  - Large print test booklets
  - Braille test booklets

**Required Ancillary Materials for Return**

For all materials being returned, schools and districts will need the following:

- **Scorable**
  - Paper bands
  - Scorable Materials Return School Headers (do not photocopy)
  - Red scorable return labels
  - UPS return labels for scorable materials

- **Nonscorable**
  - Purple nonscorable return labels
  - UPS return labels for nonscorable materials

If you do not have a sufficient amount of these materials, place an additional order in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. Refer to Section 3.10.4 for additional information on additional orders. **If you placed additional orders for test materials, these return materials were not shipped to you automatically.**

**Scorable Materials Return School Header and Paper Bands**

- Complete a Scorable Materials Return School Header for each grade/course and subject.
- Place paper bands around each stack of scorable test booklets (grade 3, no more than 25 per band) or answer documents (grades 4–high school, no more than 25 per band).
• You may have more than one stack of banded documents per subject and grade/course, if necessary, but only complete ONE Return School Header and slip it in the first bundle. For example, Algebra 1 may have students from grades 9, 10, and 11 while grade 4 mathematics will only have students in grade 4.

Figure 5.3 Sample Scorable Materials Return School Header

Note: Do NOT photocopy any Scorable Materials Return School Header sheets. Use the original documents provided in your school’s shipment.

Return Scorable Materials
Use the boxes in which the test materials were delivered for return shipping. If these boxes were damaged in the original shipment, use sturdy replacement boxes or place an additional order on NJSLA’s PearsonAccessnext website at http://pearsonaccessnext.com.

Place all scorable materials in the shipping boxes as shown in Figure 5.4. Do NOT place more than one school’s materials in a box. Within a school, materials for different grades/courses can be placed in the same box. Ensure that NO extraneous materials are returned (e.g., scratch paper, rulers, manuals).

Note: Districts/Schools that qualify for freight shipment will receive a freight bill (instead of UPS return materials) and freight return directions in your Test Coordinator Kit.
Figure 5.4 Packing Diagram for Scorable Test Materials

Note: Box scorable and nonscorable materials separately, as these will be shipped to different addresses.

Do NOT overfill a box. If any box is not completely filled, add crumpled paper to avoid damage caused by shifting during shipment. Do NOT use packing peanuts. Seal the boxes securely with packing tape. Remove any previous labels and cover any previous markings before applying the shipping label.

Locate the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” This package contains Pearson scorable materials return shipping labels. Refer to Figure 5.5 for sample labels.

- Place one scorable materials return shipping label on top of each box.
- Count the total number of scorable boxes.
- On the line that reads “SCH: BOX _ OF _” fill in the sequence of scorable boxes being returned for the school (e.g., indicate box 1 of 3, box 2 of 3, and box 3 of 3). Be sure to number scorable materials in a separate sequence from non-scorable.
- Do NOT write anything else on the labels.
- Do NOT include your nonscorable box count with your scorable box count.

Find a UPS scorable return label in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Apply one UPS label with “SCORABLE” to the top of each box of scorable materials as shown on the left side of Figure 5.5. It is recommended that schools maintain UPS tracking numbers.
Return Nonscorable Materials

Use the boxes in which the test materials were delivered for return shipping. If these boxes were damaged in the original shipment, use sturdy replacement boxes or place an additional order on NJSLA’s PearsonAccessnext website at http://pearsonaccessnext.com.

Place all nonscorable materials in the shipping boxes. Do NOT place more than one school’s materials in a box. Ensure that NO extraneous materials are returned (e.g., scratch paper, rulers, manuals).

Seal the boxes securely with packing tape and remove any previous markings or labels from the boxes before applying the shipping label.

Locate the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” This package contains Pearson nonscorable materials return shipping labels. Refer to Figure 5.6 for sample labels.

- Place one nonscorable materials return shipping label on top of each box.
- Count the total number of nonscorable boxes.
- On the line that reads “BOX _ OF _” fill in the sequence of nonscorable boxes being returned for the school (e.g., indicate box 1 of 3, box 2 of 3, and box 3 of 3). Be sure to number nonscorable materials in a separate sequence from scorable.
- Do NOT write anything else on the labels.
- Do NOT include your scorable box count with your nonscorable box count.
Find a UPS return label in the resealable package labeled “Test Coordinator Kit.” Apply one UPS label with “NONSCORABLE” to the top of each box of nonscorable materials as shown on the left side of Figure 5.6.

**Figure 5.6 Sample Pearson Nonscorable Materials Return Shipping Label**

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<th>Pearson Nonscorable Return Label Example</th>
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<td>UPS Label</td>
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<td>Nonscorable box</td>
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**Generic Return Labels**

Generic return labels are received when an additional order for return labels is submitted through PearsonAccess; they are not included in the Test Coordinator Kit with regular materials return shipping labels. Generic return labels include blank fields where pertinent state, district, and school information is recorded prior to return to Pearson.

Each administration includes scorable and nonscorable generic return labels; these labels follow the same color convention as regular materials return shipping labels:

- **Red Labels**—Scorable Materials Return Shipping Label and Scorable Generic Return Label
- **Purple Labels**—Nonscorable Materials Return Shipping Label and Nonscorable Generic Return Label

**Contact UPS to Schedule Pickup**

Refer to the Shipping Carrier Return Instructions included in the Test Coordinator Kit for return shipping instructions.

Pick-ups must occur as soon as possible after testing is complete. All materials must be shipped for return within 5 days of the completion of testing in your district.
Pick-ups must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance. Call UPS at 800-823-7459 to schedule pickups. UPS customer service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tell the UPS representative you are calling in a pickup request for Pearson and will be using their “Return Service.” You must provide UPS with the following information:

- The physical location from where packages are to be picked up (i.e., where materials were delivered)
- The estimated number of packages to pick up
- A tracking number from any one of your UPS labels

Once the pickup is scheduled, the school or district will receive a confirmation number from UPS. The number can be referenced in the future if questions or changes arise. It is recommended that schools or districts maintain UPS tracking numbers.

5.2.5 PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} Cleanup Activities for Paper-Based Testing

Not Tested and Voided Tests

Students with test registrations who did not participate in testing (e.g., absent for the entire testing window) but may need to be accounted for should be marked as Not Tested in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. Refer to Appendix C.

Test booklets or answer documents that have been returned to Pearson for scanning and processing can be marked Void only AFTER being scanned by Pearson. Voiding a test means the test will NOT be scored or used for reporting purposes. Only students with a test attempt should be marked as Void. If a test attempt should be marked Void, follow the policy guidance in Appendix C.

Rejected Student Tests

Rejected Student Test Alerts will be created for all scanned paper-based student tests that cannot be matched to a current student record in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}. These alerts will appear on the Testing > Rejected Student Tests page in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} after the test booklets and answer documents have been scanned by Pearson. District Test Coordinators must complete the data clean-up process for these tests to be scored. This task may be completed by your state.

5.2.6 Complete the Post-Test Certification Form

Once materials have been shipped and materials securely destroyed or recycled, the Test Coordinator must complete and sign the Post-Test Certification Form. The Principal, if different from the Test Coordinator, must also sign the form. This form certifies that all materials have been tracked using the Chain-of-Custody Form or other tracking log and were accounted for upon packing and shipping. Refer to a copy of the form: \textcolor{red}{http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com}. Refer to Appendix C for guidance on this form.
5.2.7 Keep Records
The following records (physical or electronic) must be maintained by your school:

Required:

- Chain-of-custody documentation (refer to Section 2.1)
- The security barcode for testing documents assigned to each student
- If not already included in chain-of-custody documentation, test group/classroom roster records noting who administered each test session (both Test Administrator and Proctors), names of students assigned to that group
- Copies of all signed Security Agreements (refer to Appendix B)
- Copies of any Forms to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
- Copies of any Forms to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
- A copy of your signed Post-Test Certification Form
- UPS tracking numbers
6.0 Accessibility Features and Accommodations


6.1 Accessibility Features and Accommodations

NJSLA’s accessibility system includes three levels of support for students as shown.

![Figure 6.0 The NJSLA Accessibility System](image)

*Available to all participating students  
**For students with disabilities, English learners, and English learners with disabilities

**Accessibility features** are tools or preferences that are either built into the assessment system or provided externally by Test Administrators. Accessibility features can be used by any student taking the NJSLA assessments. A small selection of accessibility features available to all students need to be identified in advance.

**Accommodations** are intended to reduce or even eliminate the effects of a student’s disability and/or English language proficiency level and provide equitable access for students with disabilities or English language learners (ELLs). Accommodations do NOT reduce learning expectations. All accommodations for students with disabilities or ELLs must be approved and documented in advance in an Individualized Education Program (IEP), 504 plan, or an EL plan. Responsibility for confirming the need and appropriateness of an accommodation rests with the school-based team involved with each student’s instructional program. A master list of all students and their accommodations must be maintained by the school and/or district.

All accessibility features and accommodations used on NJSLA assessments should be generally consistent with those used in daily instruction.

**Administration Guidance in the AF&A Manual**

In Sections 2, 3 and Appendix A of the *AF&A Manual*, guidance is provided for Test Coordinators and Test Administrators on before testing, during testing, and after testing activities necessary for successful administration of each accessibility feature and accommodation.
The examples below are excerpted from the AF&A Manual.

### Accessibility Feature Example from Section 2:

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| 1r Text-to-Speech for the Mathematics Assessments *(SR/PNP Reference CD)* | **Before Testing:**  
- Identification for SR/PNP: The student’s SR/PNP must have text-to-speech selected to activate the feature on the platform. Once a student is placed into a test session, the student will be assigned a form with embedded text-to-speech. Proctor caching is strongly encouraged. If this content is not cached, it may present challenges for the student during testing. Volume level must be determined prior to testing; once the test session begins, the volume level cannot be changed. The student will not have access to volume control in the secure TestNav environment.  
- Test Administrator Training: Refer to the Text-to-Speech Tutorial on nj.mypearsonsupport.com for full training on tool functionality.  
- Differences Between Text Only and Text Plus Graphics:  
  - Text Plus Graphics—Reads all printed text and the hidden alternate text descriptions for images.  
  - Text Only—Reads printed text but does not read any alternate text descriptions for images.  

**During Testing:** The student selects the “Text-to-Speech Player” icon on the toolbar on the right side of the screen. The test is read aloud to the student using embedded text-to-speech software. The student may pause and resume the audio. To choose a speed (slow, normal, fast), select the “Text-to-Speech Settings” icon. Once the test begins, the volume level cannot be changed. The student must be tested in a separate setting if unable to wear headphones. |
Accommodations Example from Section 3:

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| 3f Large Print Edition<sup>12</sup> (SR/PNP Reference BM) | **Before Testing:**<br>• Identification for SR/PNP: Student’s SR/PNP must have Large Print Edition selected.<br>• Materials: Large Print Test Kit includes a large print assessment booklet, standard test booklet or answer document for transcription, Test Administrator large print scripts, and supplementary large print mathematics materials (large print ruler & protractor), when appropriate.<br>• Test Administrator Training: Test Administrators of students with visual impairments must review:<br>  ◦ Appendix M: NJSLA Assessments for Students with Visual Impairment, Including Blindness.<br>  ◦ Appendix A: Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students Taking the Paper-Based NJSLA Assessments.<br>**During Testing:** A large print paper-based form of each assessment is available for a student with a visual impairment who is unable to take a computer-based assessment. The font size for the NJSLA large print edition will be 18 point on paper sized 14” x 18”. Students will not record their answers in standard print test booklets or answer documents. Instead, students will circle their answers in a large print test booklet. For constructed response items, students will write their answers on the lines provided in their large print test booklets. In mathematics, students will need to write their answers in boxes at the top of the answer grids, but they do not need to bubble in their answers. Test Administrators should refer to the TAM Scripts for instances where they should demonstrate an activity or display information. Demonstrations should be conducted where they are visible for each student (e.g., on the board, near the student).<br>**After Testing:**<br>• Responses must be transcribed verbatim by a Test Administrator in a standard student test booklet or answer document, which is included in the Large Print Test Kit. Only transcribed responses will be scored. At least two persons must be present during transcription of student responses (one transcriber and one observer confirming accuracy). It is recommended that one of the individuals be an District or School Test Coordinator.<br>• Refer to Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses.<br><sup>12</sup>Distribution quantities for any paper based accommodations and accessibility feature are derived from the student registration process. Any materials required for paper-based accommodations and accessibility features for students registered after the deadline for paper registration must be ordered via Additional Orders.

6.2 Before Testing: Preparing for Accessible Test Administration<br>Reference the AF&A Manual: Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and Appendix A in the AF&A Manual outline the before testing activities necessary for Test Administrators to successfully provide students with each accessibility feature and accommodation.

Identification of Accessibility Features and Accommodations in the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile (SR/PNP)<br>The PNP portion of the SR/PNP should be based on observations and stated preferences by the student or parent/guardian related to a student’s testing needs that have been found to increase access during instruction and assessment. Observations based on a student’s interaction with the online testing platform can be made through the practice tests. A student’s testing needs should be reviewed at least annually, and revised as appropriate, to reflect current education-related needs or preferences.
• For students with disabilities, the IEP team or 504 plan coordinator will collect student information to populate the PNP.

• For English learners, the educators responsible for selecting accommodations (or an English learner team, if available) will identify the accessibility features in the PNP for the student.

• For English learners with disabilities, the IEP team or 504 plan coordinator (which includes an adult familiar with the language needs of the student) will make PNP decisions.

• For students without disabilities, and who are NOT English learners, PNP decisions will be made based on the student’s education-related needs and preferences by a team, which may include the:
  ■ Student (as appropriate)
  ■ Parent/guardian
  ■ Student’s primary educator in the assessed content area(s)

The following accessibility features and accommodations are delivered via separate forms of the test and some cannot be combined:

Paper-Based Testing
• Unified English Braille (UEB)
• Large Print Test Kit
• Read Aloud Test Kit
• Spanish Test Kit (mathematics only)
• Spanish Large Print Test Kit (mathematics only)
• Spanish Read Aloud Test Kit (mathematics only)

Computer-Based Testing
• Assistive Technology - Screen Reader
• Assistive Technology - Non-Screen Reader
• American Sign Language (ASL)
• Closed Captioning (CC) - ELA/L only
• Text-to-Speech (TTS)
• Human Reader
• Spanish (mathematics only)
• Spanish TTS (mathematics only)
• Spanish Human Reader (mathematics only)

Once data on student accessibility features and accommodations are collected at the local level, follow the directions for completing and importing the SR/PNP to PearsonAccessnext as described in the Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile Field Definitions document. Once the SR/PNP has been uploaded Test Coordinators and Test Administrators can run the PNP report to review students’ assigned accessibility features and accommodations. It is extremely important to ensure that the accommodations are correct prior to starting a test for a student. If a Test Administrator discovers that a student has an incorrect accessibility feature or accommodation during testing, the Test Administrator and/or School Test coordinator will need to correct the form assignment. Refer to step-by-step directions in the NJSLA Personal Needs Profile (PNP) Guidance—Managing Incorrect Accessibility Features and Accommodation PNP Data document available at http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com and follow protocols to contact the appropriate NJSLA state contact for further guidance.
Training for Test Administrator Delivered Accessibility Features and Accommodations

Students who use embedded accessibility features and accommodations will test independently, and therefore there is no additional protocol for a Test Administrator to administer these tests. However, there are some accessibility features and accommodations that the Test Administrator provides external to the testing platform for computer-based testing. For these features and accommodations, the AF&A Manual indicates where the Test Administrator must review any training documents before testing.

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Accommodated Materials

See a list of accommodated materials below:

What is included in a Spanish Mathematics Test Kit?

- Spanish test booklet
- Spanish answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)
- Spanish mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–high school, mathematics only)
- English test booklet

What is included in a Large Print Test Kit?

- Large Print Test Administrator script
- Large Print test booklet
- Answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Large Print mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–high school, mathematics only)
- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)
What is included in a Human Reader Test Kit?

- Human reader script (mathematics only)
- 2 standard test booklets
- Answer document (except for grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Ruler (grades 3–8, mathematics only)
- Protractor (grades 4–7, mathematics only)
- Mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–high school, mathematics only)

Note: If you order a Large Print Spanish Math or Spanish Human Reader Test Kit, you will receive Spanish versions of each item in the kit.

What is included in a Braille Test Kit?

- Braille Test Administrator script
- Braille notes/special instructions
- Braille test booklet
- Standard test booklet
- Standard answer document (except grade 3 which will have a consumable test booklet)
- Braille mathematics reference sheet (grades 5–high school, mathematics only)
- Braille ruler (mathematics only)
- Braille protractor (mathematics only)
- Additional Braille paper
- Duplicate pages (when appropriate)

What is included in a Tactile Graphic Kit (to support students using Assistive Technology Screen Reader)?

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Unique Accommodations Guidance
Students may require additional accommodations that are not available in the AF&A Manual. The Office of Assessments review requests for unique accommodations on an individual basis. Approval will be given ONLY if the requested accommodation will result in a valid score for the student (i.e., does NOT change the construct being measured by the test and does NOT violate test security requirements).

Preparing the Test Environment for Accessibility Features and Accommodations
Based on the needs identified in their SR/PNP, some students may require externally provided accessibility features and/or accommodations during testing. The Test Administrator must review each student’s PNP to ensure the classroom is prepared with any materials the students need. Examples include: noise buffers, word prediction external device, and a hard copy braille edition.

Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the AF&A Manual indicate when Test Administrators must check to make sure materials are available for the student during testing. For paper-based testing, refer to Appendix A of the AF&A Manual.

6.3 During Testing: Test Administration of Accessibility Features and Accommodations
Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and Appendix A in the AF&A Manual outline post-administration directions for each accessibility feature and accommodation. The following accessibility features and accommodations require actions by the Test Administrator during testing.

Test Administrators may provide the following accessibility features to a student during testing:
- General Administration Directions Read Aloud, Repeated, or Clarified as needed
- Redirect Student to the Test
- Human Reader for the Mathematics Assessment (*identified in advance in PearsonAccess*)
- Human Signer for the Mathematics Assessment (*identified in advance in PearsonAccess*)

Test Administrators may need to provide the following accommodations to a student with an IEP/504 plan during testing:
- Human Reader for ELA
- Human Signer for ELA
- Human Signer for Test Directions
- Human Scribe for Dictated Responses
- Human Scribe for Signed Responses
- Extended Time
- Monitor Test Response

Test Administrators may need to provide the following accommodations to an English learner during testing:
- Extended Time
- Human Scribe for Mathematics
- General Administration Directions Read Aloud, Repeated, or Clarified as needed in Student’s Native Language
- Human Reader for the Mathematics Assessments in Spanish
Special Accommodations Circumstances During Testing
For special circumstances regarding the administration of accommodations, refer to the appendices of the AF&A Manual:

- Appendix G: Emergency Accommodation Form
- Appendix H: Student Accommodation Refusal Form

Emergency Accommodation
Prior to or during testing, if the STC determines that a student requires an emergency accommodation, the Emergency Accommodation Form must be completed. An emergency accommodation may be appropriate for a student who incurs a temporary disabling condition that interferes with test performance shortly before or within the NJSLA assessment window (e.g., a student breaks his or her arm and needs a scribe). An emergency accommodation should be given ONLY if the accommodation will result in a valid score for the student (i.e., does NOT change the construct being measured by the test and does NOT violate test security requirements).

This form must be completed and maintained in the student’s assessment file. The parent/guardian must be notified that an emergency accommodation was provided.

Refusal of Accommodations
If a student refuses the accommodation(s) listed in his or her IEP, 504 plan, or EL plan, the school must document in writing that the student refused the accommodation(s). However, the accommodation(s) must be offered and remain available to the student during the test administration. The Student Accommodation Refusal Form must be completed and placed in the student’s file. Also, on the day of the student’s refusal of an accommodation, a copy of the completed form must be sent home to the parent/guardian. The School Test Coordinator should work with Test Administrators to determine who else should be informed of the student’s refusal of the accommodation(s). In addition, the team involved in the student’s IEP, 504 plan, or EL plan, if used, may want to consider discussing this issue at the student’s next meeting.

6.4 After Testing: Completing Accessible Test Administration as a Test Coordinator
Reference the AF&A Manual: Tables 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, and Appendix A in the AF&A Manual outline the after testing activities for each accessibility feature and accommodation.

The Test Coordinator and Test Administrators will have no after testing activities for embedded accessibility features and accommodations, except in cases where student responses must be scribed/transcribed or in cases where the student produces secure testing material.

Test Coordinators (or their designee) are responsible for after testing activities for the following accommodations for students with IEPs or 504 plans:

- Assistive Technology
- Hard Copy Braille Edition
- Large Print Edition
- Braille Note-taker
- Braille Writer
- Speech-to-Text Device
- Human Scribe/Signer
Test Coordinators (or their designee) are responsible for after testing activities for the following accommodations for students who are English learners:

- Speech-to-Text Device
- Human Scribe
- Large Print Edition of the Mathematics Assessment in Spanish
Appendix A

Glossary of Terminology
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This glossary contains NJSLA terms. The manual covers general testing policies, and specific policies covered in Appendix C. For issues not addressed in Appendix C, contact your NJSLA State Contact.

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<td>Administration Time</td>
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<td>District Test Coordinator</td>
<td>District Test Coordinator is the individual at the district level responsible for the overall coordination of test administration.</td>
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<td>IEP, 504 Plan, or EL Plan</td>
<td>IEP refers to Individualized Education Program plan. It is a program developed to ensure that a student who has a disability and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives specialized instruction and related services. The 504 plan refers to a plan developed to ensure that a student who has a disability and is attending an elementary or secondary educational institution receives accommodations that will ensure their academic success and access to the learning environment. An English learner (EL) plan refers to a plan developed to ensure that a student who is learning English has equal rights and access to a high-quality education.</td>
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<td>Mathematics Tools for Administration</td>
<td>Mathematics tools for administration include rulers and protractors, mathematics reference sheets, and geometry tools. Mathematics tools for accommodations may include large print ruler, braille ruler, tactile compass, or braille protractor. See the AF&amp;A Manual for more information on mathematics tools for accommodations.</td>
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<td>Non-secure</td>
<td>Test materials that have been made available to the public, including manuals and user guides. The availability of non-secure materials does not compromise test security or score validity.</td>
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<td>PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next}</td>
<td>The website used for the registration, setup, preparation, and management of both the paper-based and computer-based formats of the NJSLA assessments. PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} requires username and password setup. More information about setup and operation for the NJSLA assessments is available in the PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{next} Online User Guide.</td>
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<td>Precache</td>
<td>Precache is the action of downloading and storing test content to the local ProctorCache computer.</td>
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<td>ProctorCache</td>
<td>ProctorCache software pulls and stores test content from Pearson to a local ProctorCache computer. This stored or “cached” test content is then distributed to TestNav clients during testing sessions.</td>
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<td>Section</td>
<td>A portion of a mathematics unit – non-calculator section and calculator section.</td>
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<td>Secure</td>
<td>A test item, reading passage, or test that has not been made available to the public. It also includes test items and student responses. For the paper-based administration, secure materials refer to test booklets and answer documents. For both the paper-based and computer-based administrations, secure materials also refer to mathematics reference sheets written on by students and scratch paper written on by students.</td>
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<td>Session</td>
<td>In PearsonAccess, a session is the group of students registered to test a content area together (same time and location).</td>
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<td>SR/PNP</td>
<td>The Student Registration File and Personal Needs Profile have been combined into one file layout: Student Registration/Personal Need Profile (SR/PNP). This is the data file for registering students for testing, including a student’s testing condition, materials, or accessibility features and accommodations that are needed to take a NJSLA assessment.</td>
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<td>Testing Environment</td>
<td>All aspects of the test surroundings during testing, this includes what a student can see, hear, or access.</td>
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<td>TestNav</td>
<td>The application used to administer the computer-based NJSLA assessment is available at <a href="http://nj.testnav.com">http://nj.testnav.com</a>.</td>
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<td>Unit</td>
<td>Each content area of the NJSLA assessments is comprised of units. Each unit has a set administration time within a session and is typically administered all at once. The tables in Section 2.4 of this manual provide unit details. In mathematics, certain units may be comprised of more than one section.</td>
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<td>Unit Testing Time</td>
<td>Unit testing time is the amount of time any student who needs it must be provided to complete the unit. As such, it is the amount of testing time schools must schedule for each unit. A new unit cannot be started until all students in the unit are finished or until unit testing time has expired.</td>
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Appendix B

Security Agreement
The content of the NJSLA assessment is confidential and must be kept secure at all times. Maintaining the security of test materials is critical in order to obtain valid results from the test. Accordingly, each individual authorized to administer the NJSLA assessment or have access to test materials, including Technology Coordinators, or those authorized to observe administration, must sign this security agreement and agree to the statements below. Failure to abide by the terms of the agreement may result in sanctions including (but not limited to) score invalidation or employment and licensure consequences.

For School Test Coordinators
- I will establish and carry out a NJSLA security plan.
- I will provide training in NJSLA’s test security, administration policies, and procedures to all individuals involved in test administration.
- I will establish a system for documenting the chain-of-custody of secure test materials, and I will keep all test materials locked in a secure storage area with limited access when they are not in use.
- I will follow all security policies and test administration protocols described in the Test Coordinator Manual (TCM).

For School Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, Test Administrators, Proctors, and Authorized Observers
- I will not view test content or student responses except if necessary to administer certain accommodations.
- I will not reproduce test content or student responses in any way (e.g., photographing, copying by hand, typing, texting from cell phone, or photocopying).
- I will not reveal or discuss test content or student responses before, during, or after testing.
- I will not engage in any activity that adversely affects the validity, security, or fairness of the test.
- I will promptly report any testing irregularities or concerns (as specified in the TCM and Test Administrator Manual [TAM]).
- I will follow the procedures as specified in the TCM and TAM regarding the disposition of all test materials.

For Test Administrators and Proctors
- I will complete training necessary to understand NJSLA’s test security and administration policies and procedures.
- I will keep test materials under my supervision at all times, and I will not leave them unattended.
- I will prepare the testing room so that no student can view another student’s test materials or computer screen, and so that inappropriate visual aids are removed or covered before testing.
- I will supervise the students at all times and focus my full attention on the testing environment, and
  - Not allow students to talk, pass notes, cause disturbances, or communicate with each other in any way during testing.
  - Not allow students to access cell phones or other unapproved electronic devices during testing.
  - Not allow students to access notes, books, or any instructional materials during testing.
  - Ensure that students provide answers that are strictly their own and do not participate in any form of cheating.
  - Not coach students in any way or do anything to enhance, alter, or interfere with their responses.
- I will follow the chain-of-custody procedures for all test materials, including scratch paper, as specified in the TAM and by my School Test Coordinator.
- Some testing accommodations require a Test Administrator to view, read, or transcribe test content or student responses. If I am administering such an accommodation, I will not disclose any test content that I view in the course of providing the accommodation.
- I will follow all security policies and test administration protocols described in the TAM.

I have read the NJSLA Security Agreement and understand my role in this test administration.

___________________________________  ___________________________________
First Name (print)                        Last Name (print)

Role
☐ School Test Coordinator ☐ Technology Coordinator ☐ Test Administrator ☐ Proctor ☐ Other: _____________

___________________________________  _______________________________
Signature                                                  Date

Submit this form (signed) to your School Test Coordinator, and keep a copy for your records. The signed agreement must be maintained by the school at least three years, unless otherwise directed.
Appendix C
Administration Policy
Note: This appendix will provide specific information for participating in the 2018–2019 Administration. If a policy is not provided for a particular issue, follow the protocols as outlined in this manual or follow our instructions for contacting the NJSLA State Contact.
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Middle School (grades 6–8): 609-376-3469 | Elementary (grades 3–8):  
[orlando.vadel@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:orlando.vadel@doe.state.nj.us)  
High School:  
[timothy.steeledadzie@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:timothy.steeledadzie@doe.state.nj.us) | 609-984-6032 |

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<td>Upload by NJ DOE: November 9, 2018</td>
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<td>Load LTC Users in PearsonAccess&lt;sup&gt;next&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
<td>Districts update Users: No later than November 12, 2018</td>
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<td>Load Participation Data File in PearsonAccess&lt;sup&gt;next&lt;/sup&gt;</td>
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<td>Proctor Caching Available</td>
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<td>Districts Receive Paper Materials</td>
<td>No later than March 22, 2019</td>
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<td>Additional Order Window Opens—All Materials</td>
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<td>Additional Order Window Closes (Test Booklets)</td>
<td>May 3, 2019</td>
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<td>Ancillary Return Materials Only (e.g., Return Labels, Boxes)</td>
<td>May 17, 2019</td>
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<td>Processing may begin as early as</td>
<td>April 15, 2019</td>
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<td>Deadline to return scorable materials to Pearson (1 week after testing)</td>
<td>No later than one week after the scheduled end-date of the paper-based test window.</td>
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| Testing Windows | Grade 3-8 Computer-based: April 8 through May 28, 2019  
Paper-based: April 8 through April 29, 2019  
High School Computer-based: April 8 through May 28, 2019  
Paper-based: April 8 through April 29, 2019  
Spring Block (High School):  
• Computer-based: April 22 through June 7, 2019  
• Paper-based: April 22 through May 3, 2019 |
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<td>1.2 3.3.2</td>
<td>Qualifications and Responsibilities for School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and Proctors</td>
<td>Supervisors, guidance counselors, teachers, and child study team members may serve as a School Test Coordinator (STC) or Test Administrator (TA). All STCs and TAs must hold one of the following endorsements: <em>New Jersey Teacher Certification, Educational Services Professional Certification, New Jersey School Leader Certification, or Career and Technical Education Certification</em>. Paraprofessionals may only serve as TAs if they hold one of the endorsements listed above. Long-term substitutes may only serve as TAs if they hold one of the endorsements listed above and have had contractual employment at the testing site for more than 20 consecutive school days prior to the start of the testing window and will have additional continual uninterrupted employment at the school during the state’s prescribed testing window. Proctors do not need to hold any endorsement; however, they must be under the direct supervision of a TA or STC at all times and they may not provide testing accommodations or handle secure materials at any time.</td>
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| 2.1.3 | Steps for Submitting Security Forms | The following security forms: *New Jersey Testing Irregularity and Security Breach Form; Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials Form; and Post-Test Certification Form* must be submitted online through PearsonAccess under “Support”.
Security forms are available on the website except the *New Jersey Testing Irregularity and Security Breach Form* available at: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/district/](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/district/).
Each school must complete and provide a copy of the *Post-Test Certification Form* must upload the completed forms to PearsonAccess. |
| 4.2.2 | Observation Policies | - Office of Assessment may conduct observation visits.
- Principal may conduct observation visits. |
| 2.1.3 2.2.1 2.2.2 | Irregularity or Security Breach and Safety Threat/Severe Weather | STC contacts the Test Coordinator immediately to report testing irregularities, security breaches, safety threats, or severe weather. The Test Coordinator must contact the Office of Assessments immediately upon receiving call from STC. At the discretion of the Test Coordinator, the STC may complete the *New Jersey Testing Irregularity or Security Breach Form* documenting the situation. The Test Coordinator uploads the completed form to PearsonAccess within five school days and emails the Support Request “confirmation number”, which is provided upon successful upload, to the appropriate NJSLA State Coordinator. Since the irregularity report form contains Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as name, DOB, gender, etc., it must never be transmitted via email.
**Cell Phone & Unauthorized Electronics**
All incidents involving student possession of a cell phone or other unauthorized electronic device must be immediately reported via email to the appropriate NJSLA State Coordinator (Do not include Personally Identifiable Information in this email). |
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Materials Allowed ONLY AFTER a Student’s Test Has Been Submitted and His/Her Secure Materials Have Been Collected</td>
<td>Recreational books (subject matter of recreational books must be unrelated to content being assessed).</td>
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<td>2.3</td>
<td>Instructions for Students AFTER a Student’s Test Has Been Submitted and His/Her Secure Materials Have Been Collected</td>
<td>After the student has checked his/her work, as established by district policy, the Test Administrator may either dismiss the student (if feasible) or permit the student to silently read a recreational book.</td>
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<td>2.4</td>
<td>Extended Time and/or Frequent Breaks Policies</td>
<td>Test Administrators should not “stop the clock” for students with frequent breaks. For students with disabilities or English learners who may require frequent breaks, it is highly recommended that schools consider the extended time accommodation.</td>
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<td>3.2.1</td>
<td>Requirements for Completing Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile Import</td>
<td>The NJDOE will upload the NJSLA Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile in PearsonAccess. Students enrolled in districts after the closing of the initial student registration import window must be registered by the testing site district/school in PearsonAccess.</td>
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<td>3.2.1</td>
<td>Additional Requirements for Make-Up Testing</td>
<td>No additional Instructions. Follow procedures outlined in the TCM.</td>
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<td>3.9.1</td>
<td>3.10.1 Additional Requirements for Paper-Based Test Materials</td>
<td>Please refer to the text in the Test Coordinator Manual. Copies of the chain-of-custody forms must be maintained by the school for three consecutive assessment cycles. STC may open packages within two school days prior to testing.</td>
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<td>3.10.2</td>
<td>Shipping Procedures for Paper-Based Materials</td>
<td>Test materials are shipped to the and then distributed to schools. Each STC must return materials to the Test Coordinator. The Test Coordinator must contact UPS directly to schedule “Return Service” pick up.</td>
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<td>3.10.4</td>
<td>Approving Additional Orders</td>
<td>State will review and approve additional orders daily.</td>
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<td>4.2.3</td>
<td>5.2.2 Steps for Missing, Damaged and/or Contaminated Materials</td>
<td>STC contacts the Test Coordinator immediately to report contaminated, damaged, or missing materials. The Test Coordinator must contact the Office of Assessments immediately upon receiving call from STC. At the discretion of the Test Coordinator, the STC may complete the form documenting the situation. The Test Coordinator must upload the completed form to PearsonAccess within five school days.</td>
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<td>4.3.1</td>
<td>Procedures for Dismissing Students for Misconduct</td>
<td>STC must contact the Test Coordinator to immediately report student misconduct (i.e., refusing to test, disruptive behavior, unauthorized electronics, cheating). The Test Coordinator must contact the Office of Assessments immediately upon receiving call from STC. The Test Coordinator uploads the completed form to PearsonAccess within five school days and emails the Support Request “confirmation number”, which is provided upon successful upload, to the appropriate NJSLA State Coordinator. Since the irregularity report form contains Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as name, DOB, gender, etc., it must never be transmitted via email.</td>
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<td>5.2.3</td>
<td>Applying Student ID Labels for Paper-Based Testing</td>
<td>Schools may apply Student ID Labels for Paper-Based Testing within two school days prior to testing.</td>
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<td>The process for refusals and other voids is as follows:</td>
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<td>1. Code the student “Not Tested” or “Void” in PearsonAccess\textsuperscript{Next}. Follow instructions here: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment">http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment</a></td>
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<td>2. Complete the Irregularity Report using the form available at: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment">http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment</a></td>
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<td>3. Upload a single Irregularity Report (one per school) with an attachment that includes the relevant information for the multiple students that have refused using directions available at: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment">http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment</a></td>
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<td>Students that refuse to test still need to be registered and assigned to test sessions. Then, depending on the timing of the refusals, you will code as indicated below:</td>
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<td>The “Not-Tested” codes, to be used when students have not logged onto TestNav for the content area, are as follows:</td>
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<td>• Reason code 1—Absent</td>
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<td>• Reason code 2—Medical Emergency</td>
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<td>• Reason code 3—Other (this includes parental refusal to begin a test)</td>
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<td>“Void” codes, to be used when students have logged onto TestNav for the content area, are as follows:</td>
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<td>• Void code 1—Student Cheating</td>
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<td>• Void code 2—Security Breach</td>
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<td>• Void code 3—Other (this includes parental refusals to complete a test, off-grade level testing, student did not receive appropriate testing accommodations/accessibility features, student received inappropriate testing accommodations/accessibility features)</td>
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<td>5.1.5</td>
<td>Requirements for Archiving Security Forms</td>
<td>The signed agreements (electronic or physical) must be maintained by the school for three consecutive assessment cycles. The STC must maintain copies of the sign-in sheets and training materials that indicates all staff involved in testing have been sufficiently trained.</td>
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<td>6.1</td>
<td>Procedures for Accessibility and Accommodations</td>
<td>No additional Instructions. Follow procedures outlined in the TCM.</td>
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<td>Steps for Unique and Emergency Accommodations</td>
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<td>Translation Policy</td>
<td>Spanish versions are available in grades 3 through 8 Mathematics, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.</td>
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<td>Braille Transition Plan</td>
<td>New Jersey has transitioned to Unified English Braille (UEB) language.</td>
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<td>5.2.2</td>
<td>Transcription Policy for Computer-Based Testing</td>
<td>No additional Instructions. Follow procedures outlined in the TCM.</td>
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### New Jersey State Policy

**English Language Arts Field Test**

A sample of districts has been randomly selected to participate in the field test component of the Spring 2019 NJSLA assessment in English Language Arts (ELA). Field testing is considered part of the statewide assessment program and will be embedded in the operational assessment for districts selected to participate.

**Additional State Considerations**

- **Students Required to Take NJSLA Assessments**
  - All grade 3-8 students and all high school students enrolled in a requisite course are required to take NJSLA assessments. For detailed information regarding students required to take NJSLA, refer to the clarifications document available at: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)

- **Home-Schooled, Private, and Parochial School Students**
  - Students who are full-time home-schooled or full-time at a private or parochial school are **not** eligible to take NJSLA assessment. (This excludes special education students who attend an approved private school for the disabled in which tuition is the financial responsibility of the NJSLA). Please refer to New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:8-1.2 (a).

- **Homebound and Bedside Test Administration Procedures**
  - Students receiving homebound or bedside instruction are no longer required to take the NJSLA assessments using paper-based tests. Districts have the option of administering either the paper-based tests or the computer-based tests using a district supplied portable electronic device and mobile hotspot to these students. The mode of testing should be based on individual student need and the content area/subject being assessed. Detailed procedures and guidance are available at: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)

- **PBT Transfer students who start testing, then move during the testing window before completing all paper-based tests**
  - The Test Coordinator of **both** the student’s new district and the student’s old district **must** follow the guidance available at: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment). In addition, one of the following NJDOE forms must be completed as specified below:

  - **For Intra-District** (school-to-school transfers within the same district) the test Coordinator must complete the [New Jersey Intra-District School-to-School Chain of Custody Form For Transferred Paper-Based Testing Materials](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)

  - **For Inter-District** (transfers between districts) **both** the Test Coordinator of the former district AND the new district **must** complete the [New Jersey District-to-District Chain of Custody Form For Transferred Paper-Based Testing Materials](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)

- **CBT Transfer Students Who Start Testing then Move during the Testing Window before Completing all Computer-Based Tests**
  - The Test Coordinator of **both** the student’s new district and the student’s old district **must** follow the guidance available at: [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)

- **Additional information regarding NJSLA assessments is available at:** [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment)
Appendix D

Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach
New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) Testing Irregularity and Security Breach Form

Instructions for the District Test Coordinator or School Test Coordinator:
1. Call the appropriate state coordinator immediately to report a testing irregularity or security breach.
2. Complete this form with all the required information.
3. The DTC must upload the completed form within five school days and email the Support Request (i.e., confirmation number), which is received upon a successful upload, to the appropriate state assessment coordinator. Since this form contains Personally Identifiable Information (PII) such as the student’s name, DOB, etc., it must never be transmitted via email.

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Student State ID Number (NJ SMART ID):

***Detailed Description:

***When completing this form, please ensure you provide a detailed description of the incident; name of the device; investigation steps taken; and actions taken by staff to resolve the incident. Use additional paper, if necessary.
• Title of the form must be “DistrictName_SchoolName_AdminstrationCycle_Date”
  ➢ For example: “Any District_Any School_SP2019_040419”

After saving, please upload the completed form to PAN (see directions at nj.mypearsonsupport.com) and email to the appropriate NJSLA state coordinator. Districts are required to maintain a record of this completed form for a minimum of three consecutive assessment cycles.
Appendix E
Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials
**2018–2019 NJSLA Assessment**  
**Form to Report Contaminated, Damaged, or Missing Materials**

**Instructions:**
1. Follow the instructions in the *Test Coordinator Manual* if test materials become contaminated (Section 4.2.3), damaged (Section 4.2.3), or missing (Section 3.10.2).
2. Then report the incident using this form to describe the circumstances. For special instructions on reporting instances of damaged or missing materials, Test Coordinators should refer to *Appendix C* and follow state-specific procedures.
3. Submit the form to Pearson and according to your state’s policy in *Appendix C* to either your District Test Coordinator or your New Jersey DOE Contact (and keep the district informed).

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| District Organization Code | | Complete this form and submit the completed form to Pearson via one of the following methods:  
Fax 319-341-5261  
Mail Pearson New Jersey Program Team  
Mail Stop 160  
2510 North Dodge St., Iowa City, IA 52245 |

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Appendix F

Guidance on Testing Multiple Grades/Courses Concurrently in the Same Testing Environment
The purpose of this appendix is to provide additional guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing grades/courses of students in the same testing environment\(^1\) at the same time.

Schools may schedule different grades/courses of students in the same environment at the same time, provided that the unit testing time, content area, and administration script are the same. For example, for the English Language Arts Unit 1, students in grades 9, 10 and 11 may be combined into the same testing environment because all grades have the same unit testing time and use the same administration script. Grade 3 paper-based testing (PBT) must be separate from grades 4 and 5 because the administration directions differ due to different testing materials (i.e., grade 3 has test booklets, but grades 4 and 5 have test booklets and answer documents). However, grade 3 computer-based testing (CBT) can be in the same environment as grades 4 and 5, since the directions and materials are the same. Guidance on which grades can be combined into the same testing environment is provided on pages 2 through 3.

A *separate* testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (Administration scripts are different.)
- English language arts and mathematics (Testing times and administration scripts are different.)
- Spanish form for mathematics.
- Student directions read aloud in a language other than English (As a reminder, there are translated administration scripts for 10 different languages posted on New Jersey’s resource site, available at [http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com](http://nj.mypearsonsupport.com).)

**Note:** Schools cannot combine students with the Human Reader accommodation across grades/courses. For example, Grade 4 students with a Human Reader can be tested together, but Grade 4 and Grade 5 students with a Human Reader accommodation cannot be tested concurrently in the same testing environment.

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\(^1\) All districts will take only two units of ELA testing, except districts that have been selected for field testing for the spring administration. These selected districts will take an additional unit of testing (Grade 3 unit time = 75 minutes, grade 4 through high school unit time = 90 minutes).
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Computer-Based Testing: Are You Ready?

- Manage test sessions and review each student’s status in PearsonAccessText.
- Check for an accommodation indicator next to the State Student ID (SSID) to confirm accommodations (e.g., TTS).
- Test Administrator log in.
- Confirm that the Test Coordinator has prepared the test sessions.
- Start test sessions and unlock the applicable unit (lock the unit for absent students).
- Resume students (as needed).
- Ensure students have submitted completed test units.

Confirming Accessibility Features and Accommodations

*Before starting every session*, confirm students have the correct forms. Look for the form indicator near their names in the session. Here is what you should see:

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Note: Students utilizing a Human Reader must be placed in a Human Reader session.

If you do not see an accessibility feature or accommodation for a student who should have one, do not let the student log in. Contact your STC.

Paper-Based Testing: Are You Ready?

- Receive test materials from School Test Coordinator and track receipt using the Chain-of-Custody.
- Distribute test materials to students and administer the NJSLA assessment according to the directions in this manual and using the appropriate administration script.
- Monitor testing time.
- Supervise test administration and provide breaks (if applicable).
- Return all testing materials to the School Test Coordinator.
- Complete any documentation necessary for reporting any testing irregularity or security breach.

Paper-Based Testing: After You’re Done

Transcribe accommodated responses (Braille, Large Print, and other Response Accommodations)

Return Materials to the School Test Coordinator

- Test Administrator Manual
- NJSLA-supplied mathematics reference sheets
- Mathematics tools, if applicable (e.g., calculator, rulers, protractors)
- Used and unused scratch paper

Secure materials which must be returned to Pearson (scorable or nonscorable)

- Test booklets (all grades)
- Answer documents (Grades 4-11)
- Human Reader scripts
- Braille Test Booklets
- Large Print Test Booklets
- Tactile Graphics