

NJSLA-ELA

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts

2025 Test Administrator Script for Paper-Based Testing

Grades 3–9 NJSLA English Language Arts

**The 2025 Test Administrator Script for Paper-Based Testing must be used
with the *Spring 2025 Test Administrator Manual*.**

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Grade 3 ELA

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Grade 3 ELA Testing Times and Materials – All Units

Unit	Unit Testing Time	Required Materials	Start Time	Stop Time
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Test Administrator Script

Instructions for Preparing to Test

Say:	<p>Today, you will take the English Language Arts Assessment.</p> <p>You may not have any unapproved electronic devices at your desk. Making calls, texting, taking pictures, and browsing the internet are not allowed. If you have any unapproved electronic devices with you right now, including cell phones and Bluetooth devices (headphones or microphones), please turn them off and raise your hand. If you are found to have unapproved electronic devices during testing, your test might not be scored.</p>
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If a student raises their hand, collect the electronic device (or follow the school/district policy) and store it until testing for all students has been completed and all secure materials have been collected. Certain electronic devices may be allowed for accommodation purposes only during testing. Please contact your STC immediately if there are questions regarding electronic devices.

Say:	<p>Please sit quietly while I distribute the test materials.</p>
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Distribute scratch paper, wooden No. 2 pencils, and approved accessibility and accommodations tools, if needed, for certain students. Then, distribute test booklets.

Say:	<p>If Unit 1: Write your first and last name at the top of your test booklet.</p> <p>If Unit 2: Check to make sure your first and last name is written at the top of your test booklet.</p>
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Make sure all students have written their names on the Unit 1 test booklet. If necessary, assist students with making sure they are using the test booklet that belongs to them.

Instructions for Administering Each Unit

Say:	<p>Using the labels on the edge of the page, open your test booklet to the first page of Unit ____ (fill in the appropriate unit) and follow along while I read the directions. Do not turn the page until I tell you to do so.</p> <p>Today, you will take Unit ____ (fill in the appropriate unit) of the Grade 3 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts Test.</p> <p>Read each passage and question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. Circle the answer or answers you have chosen in your test booklet. If you need to change an answer, be sure to erase your first answer completely.</p> <p>One of the questions will ask you to write a response. Write your response in the space provided in the test booklet. Be sure to keep your response within the provided space. Only responses written within the provided space will be scored.</p> <p>If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this unit only. Do not go past the "Stop" sign.</p>
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Say:	<p>This is the end of the directions in your test booklet.</p> <p>When you see a “Go On” sign in your test booklet, you may go on to the next page. When you reach a “Stop” sign in your test booklet, do not go on until you are told to do so.</p> <p>If you finish early and have completely checked your work in this unit, raise your hand, and I will collect your test materials. Once I have collected your materials, you cannot get them back.</p>
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Read from Option A, B, or C based on local policy (contact your STC with any questions).

Say:	<p>Option A: After I have collected your materials, sit quietly until the unit has ended.</p> <p>Option B: After I have collected your materials, I will dismiss you.</p> <p>Option C: After I have collected your materials, you may read a book or other allowable materials until the unit has ended.</p>
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Say:	Do you have any questions?
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Answer any questions.

Instructions for Starting the Test

Regular time:

Say:	<p>You will have 75 minutes to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have 10 minutes of testing time left.</p> <p>Turn to the next page. You may begin working now.</p>
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For extended time students only:

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Say:	<p>Option A: You will have ____ hours to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have ____ minutes of testing time left. You may begin working now.</p> <p>Option B: You may take as much time as you need to complete this unit, up to the end of the school day. I will let you know when there are ____ minutes remaining. You may begin working now.</p>
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- Redirect students as necessary (**Section 2.9.1**).
- Collect test materials as students complete testing (**Section 2.10**).
- If students have questions about an item, tell them, “Do the best you can.” (**Section 2.8**)
- If students indicate that a test item seems irregular, refer to **Section 7.3.1**.

Instructions for Taking a Break During Testing

The following are permitted during test administration at the discretion of the TA:

- One stretch break of up to three minutes is allowed for the entire classroom during testing for each unit. The stopping time should be adjusted by no more than three minutes if there is a stretch break.
- Individual restroom breaks are allowed during testing (do not adjust; stop time except for students who have frequent breaks in accordance with **Appendix A**, Administrative Considerations for All Students, in the *NJSLA and NJGPA Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Manual* which is available at the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#), located under **Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources**).

TAs must adhere to the following security measures:

- Students must be supervised at all times during breaks.
- Test booklets must be closed or covered.
- Students are **not permitted to talk to each other** during testing or during breaks.
- Students are **not permitted** to use unauthorized electronic devices, play games, or engage in activities that may compromise the validity of the test.

If taking a three-minute stand-and-stretch break during the unit:

Say:	Please stop testing. Place your scratch paper in your test booklet and close your test booklet. We will take a silent three-minute stretch break. No talking is allowed.
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After taking a classroom break, ensure students open their test booklets and continue testing where they left off.

Say:	Open your test booklet and continue testing.
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Continue to actively proctor while students are testing.

Instructions for When 10 Minutes of Unit Time Remain

When 10 minutes of unit time remain (**Note:** Do not read the following text to students with an extended time accommodation.):

Say:	You have 10 minutes remaining.
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Continue to actively proctor while students are testing.

Instructions for Ending the Unit

When the unit time is finished, read the following (optional) “Say” box if there are students still actively testing.

Say:	Stop working. Testing time has now ended. Close your test booklet. Check that your name is written on your test booklet. I will collect your test materials.
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- Collect all test materials.
- Return all test materials to your STC. Report any missing materials and absent students.
- Report any testing irregularities to your STC.

If more than one unit is being administered on the same day, allow students to take a short break (e.g., restroom break or stretch break) or an extended break (e.g., lunch). Once students have returned and are seated, read the appropriate script to move on to the next unit.

NJSLA-ELA Grades 4 and 5 PBT 2025

Grades 4 and 5 ELA

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Unit	Unit Testing Time	Required Materials	Start Time	Stop Time
Unit 1	90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test Booklets• Pencils• Scratch paper		
Unit 2	90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test Booklets• Pencils• Scratch paper		

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Say:	Please sit quietly while I distribute the test materials.
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Say:	If Unit 1: Write your first and last name at the top of your test booklet. If Unit 2: Check to make sure your first and last name is written at the top of your test booklet.
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Instructions for Administering Each Unit

Say:

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Read from Option A, B, or C based on local policy (contact your STC with any questions).

Say:	<p>Option A: After I have collected your materials, sit quietly until the unit has ended.</p> <p>Option B: After I have collected your materials, I will dismiss you.</p> <p>Option C: After I have collected your materials, you may read a book or other allowable materials until the unit has ended.</p>
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Say:	Do you have any questions?
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Answer any questions.

Instructions for Starting the Test

Regular time:

Say:	<p>You will have 90 minutes to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have 10 minutes of testing time left.</p> <p>Turn to the next page. You may begin working now.</p>
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For extended time students only:

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Say:	<p>Option A: You will have ____ hours to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have ____ minutes of testing time left. You may begin working now.</p> <p>Option B: You may take as much time as you need to complete this unit, up to the end of the school day. I will let you know when there are ____ minutes remaining. You may begin working now.</p>
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NJSLA-ELA Grade 6, 7, and 8 PBT 2025

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Grades 6, 7, and 8 ELA Testing Times and Materials – All Units

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Unit 2	90 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test Booklets• Pencils• Scratch paper		

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According to New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.) 6A:8-4.1(e), “District boards of education shall be responsible for ensuring the security of all components of the Statewide assessment system that are administered within the school district.” Unauthorized electronic devices can significantly undermine the integrity of test results, thereby compromising a district’s ability to evaluate and interpret student performance accurately. Upholding rigorous standards to protect the assessment process ensures that the data used to inform educational initiatives are both valid and reliable.

All student responses recorded in the student’s paper test booklet must be transcribed into TestNav by the posted deadline based on the *NJSLA/NJGPA Accommodated Paper-Tests Procedures* document available at the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#), located under **Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources > Testing Resources**.

For student responses that must first be transcribed into the paper test booklet, follow the steps in **Appendix C: Protocol for the Use of the Scribe Accommodation and for Transcribing Student Responses** in the *New Jersey Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Manual*.

Test Administrator Script

Instructions for Preparing to Test

Say:	Today, you will take the English Language Arts Assessment. You may not have any unapproved electronic devices at your desk. Making calls, texting, taking pictures, and browsing the internet are not allowed. If you have any unapproved electronic devices with you right now, including cell phones and Bluetooth devices (headphones or microphones), please turn them off and raise your hand. If you are found to have unapproved electronic devices during testing, your test might not be scored.
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If a student raises their hand, collect the electronic device (or follow the school/district policy) and store it until testing for all students has been completed and all secure materials have been collected. Certain electronic devices may be allowed for accommodation purposes only during testing. Please contact your STC immediately if there are questions regarding electronic devices.

Say:	Please sit quietly while I distribute the test materials.
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Distribute scratch paper, wooden No. 2 pencils, and approved accessibility and accommodations tools, if needed, for certain students. Then, distribute test booklets.

Say:	If Unit 1: Write your first and last name at the top of your test booklet. If Unit 2: Check to make sure your first and last name is written at the top of your test booklet.
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Make sure all students have written their names on the Unit 1 test booklet. If necessary, assist students with making sure they are using the test booklet that belongs to them.

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Instructions for Administering Each Unit

Say:

Using the labels on the edge of the page, open your test booklet to the first page of Unit ____ (fill in the appropriate unit) and follow along while I read the directions. Do not turn the page until I tell you to do so.

Today, you will take Unit ____ (fill in the appropriate unit) of the Grade 9 New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-English Language Arts Test.

Read each passage and question. Then, follow the directions to answer each question. Circle the answer or answers you have chosen in your test booklet. If you need to change an answer, be sure to erase your first answer completely.

One of the questions will ask you to write a response. Write your response in the space provided in the test booklet. Be sure to keep your response within the provided space. Only responses written within the provided space will be scored.

If you do not know the answer to a question, you may go on to the next question. If you finish early, you may review your answers and any questions you did not answer in this unit only. Do not go past the "Stop" sign.

Say:	<p>This is the end of the directions in your test booklet.</p> <p>When you see a “Go On” sign in your test booklet, you may go on to the next page. When you reach a “Stop” sign in your test booklet, do not go on until you are told to do so.</p> <p>If you finish early and have completely checked your work in this unit, raise your hand, and I will collect your test materials. Once I have collected your materials, you cannot get them back.</p>
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Read from Option A, B, or C based on local policy (contact your STC with any questions).

Say:	<p>Option A: After I have collected your materials, sit quietly until the unit has ended.</p> <p>Option B: After I have collected your materials, I will dismiss you.</p> <p>Option C: After I have collected your materials, you may read a book or other allowable materials until the unit has ended.</p>
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Say:	Do you have any questions?
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Answer any questions.

Instructions for Starting the Test

Regular time:

Say:	<p>You will have 90 minutes to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have 10 minutes of testing time left.</p> <p>Turn to the next page. You may begin working now.</p>
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For extended time students only:

If students are testing with extended time accommodations, it may be necessary to adjust the amount of time students will have to complete this unit. Refer to the student’s accommodations.

Say:	<p>Option A: You will have ____ hours to complete this unit. I will let you know when you have ____ minutes of testing time left. You may begin working now.</p> <p>Option B: You may take as much time as you need to complete this unit, up to the end of the school day. I will let you know when there are ____ minutes remaining. You may begin working now.</p>
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Write the starting time and stopping time in the timing box (**Figure 2.0** of the *Spring 2025 Test Administrator Manual*, Timing Box Example). Actively proctor while students are testing:

- Redirect students as necessary (**Section 2.9.1**).
- Collect test materials as students complete testing (**Section 2.10**).
- If students have questions about an item, tell them, “Do the best you can.” (**Section 2.8**)
- If students indicate that a test item seems irregular, refer to **Section 7.3.1**.

Instructions for Taking a Break During Testing

The following are permitted during test administration at the discretion of the TA:

- One stretch break of up to three minutes is allowed for the entire classroom during testing for each unit. The stopping time should be adjusted by no more than three minutes if there is a stretch break.
- Individual restroom breaks are allowed during testing (do not adjust; stop time except for students who have frequent breaks in accordance with **Appendix A**, Administrative Considerations for All Students, in the *NJSLA and NJGPA Accessibility Features and Accommodations (AF&A) Manual* which is available at the [New Jersey Assessments Resource Center](#), located under **Educator Resources > Test Administration Resources**).

TAs must adhere to the following security measures:

- Students must be supervised at all times during breaks.
- Test booklets must be closed or covered.
- Students are **not permitted to talk to each other** during testing or during breaks.
- Students are **not permitted** to use unauthorized electronic devices, play games, or engage in activities that may compromise the validity of the test.

If taking a three-minute stand-and-stretch break during the unit:

Say:	Please stop testing. Place your scratch paper in your test booklet and close your test booklet. We will take a silent three-minute stretch break. No talking is allowed.
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After taking a classroom break, ensure students open their test booklets and continue testing where they left off.

Say:	Open your test booklet and continue testing.
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Continue to actively proctor while students are testing.

Instructions for When 10 Minutes of Unit Time Remain

When 10 minutes of unit time remain (**Note:** Do not read the following text to students with an extended time accommodation.):

Say:	You have 10 minutes remaining.
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Continue to actively proctor while students are testing.

Instructions for Ending the Unit

When the unit time is finished, read the following (optional) “Say” box if there are students still actively testing.

Say:	Stop working. Testing time has now ended. Close your test booklet. Check that your name is written on your test booklet. I will collect your test materials.
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- Collect all test materials.
- Return all test materials to your STC. Report any missing materials and absent students.
- Report any testing irregularities to your STC.

If more than one unit is being administered on the same day, allow students to take a short break (e.g., restroom break or stretch break) or an extended break (e.g., lunch). Once students have returned and are seated, read the appropriate script to move on to the next unit.