



# DEERFIELD SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with New Jersey State guidelines and the US Department of Education, Deerfield School will administer the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) for Grades 3 through 8 in both English Language Arts and mathematics this spring. In addition, Grades 5 and 8 are assessed in Science.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts/Literacy (NJSLA-ELA) and Mathematics (NJSLA-M) measure the extent to which students are, or are on track to being, college or career-ready in the two respective areas. The English Language Arts/Literacy test assesses student proficiency in reading and comprehending a range of grade-appropriate material independently. It also measures how effectively students write when using and/or analyzing sources. The test in mathematics measures student competencies in the major and additional/supporting content in mathematics for their grade or course, as well as student grade-appropriate mathematical reasoning and modeling skills. Additional assessment information in the above areas can be found on the Office of Assessments website: <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-S) measures student proficiency in science according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards require schools to teach students to use science and engineering practices, to make sense of phenomena, and to design solutions to problems. The NJSLA-S uses the same testing platform that NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M use.

The State of New Jersey determines the NJSLA testing windows for administration. This year, the NJSLA testing window opens on Monday, April 28, 2025, and closes on Friday, May 23, 2025. Makeup dates for the NJSLA are Monday, May 27, to Friday, May 30, 2025. Attached is the proposed testing schedule for the Spring 2025 administration of the state standardized tests. Due to scheduled days already on the calendar for school closing and field trips, our testing window is very tight. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in attendance at school during these dates.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact our District Test Coordinator, Kathy Goldbeck, at [kgoldbeck@mountainsideschools.org](mailto:kgoldbeck@mountainsideschools.org).

Sincerely,

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