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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Runnemede School District will begin administering state testing beginning May 11, 2026. The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) will be administered in English Language Arts and Mathematics to students in grades 4-8. Students in grade 5 and 8 will also be administered the NJSLA in Science.

New this year, the New Jersey Department of Education, in partnership with Cambium Assessment, Inc. (CAI), is pleased to announce the launch of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-Adaptive). This assessment will be aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) for ELA and Mathematics, and is designed to continue to allow students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills in a meaningful way. This assessment reflects an effort to improve the testing experience while maintaining a strong connection to the NJSLS.

A key feature of the new assessment is its adaptive format for reading and mathematics. As students progress through the test, future questions are determined based on their prior responses, creating a more personalized and appropriate experience for each learner. This approach can help reduce testing anxiety by presenting students with questions closer to their current level, encouraging confidence and focus. An adaptive assessment may also lead to more accurate results by measuring each student’s performance with greater precision since the students will be receiving more items closer to their current level. The science assessment for grade 5 and 8 students will remain a fixed test with no adaptive formatting.

Unit	Session 1	Session 2	Total Test Time
ELA-Reading	75 min.	75 min.	150 min.
ELA-Writing	90 min.	N/A	90 min.
Mathematics	75 min.	75 min.	150 min.

Science Test	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total Test Time
Grades 5 & 8	45 min.	45 min.	45 min.	45 min.	3 hours

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Please encourage your child to do his/her best and to have a good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast. Once testing is in session, students arriving late are not permitted to join the testing session; therefore, their test will need to be completed on the make-up date. There will be rolling make-up days as testing progresses throughout the week. This allows students to stay on track with the planned testing schedule. **Students in grades 4 through 8 need to charge their school-issued Chromebooks overnight to ensure they arrive at school with a fully charged device. All students need to bring wired headphones to use during their standardized tests.**

Due to testing security protocols, smartwatches, wireless headphones, and cell phones are prohibited during testing. In accordance with school procedures, cell phones must remain turned off in students' book bags and/or lockers. It is also important that your child is on time during his/her testing window.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,

Steve Pili
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