



Dumont Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 7C-6.6, school districts are required to provide parents and guardians with information on any state assessment or commercially developed standardized assessment that will be administered to students during the school year. Attached please find a chart listing the assessments that the Dumont School District will be administering to our students. Website links to sites with sample test items, when available, have been included as a parental resource. The 2020-2021 District Testing Schedule can also be found on our school district website located at www.dumontnj.org. Currently there is no new information about whether or not state testing will occur, so some of the assessments listed on the chart are yet to be confirmed and are listed as "TBA" (To Be Announced). This chart will be regularly updated on the school district website as information becomes available.

The assessments described as "benchmark" assessments on the chart are used purely for diagnostic purposes. They are not graded assessments. Some of these assessments will be administered online when your child is home on a virtual day. The results from benchmark assessments are for instructional purposes only, and will provide important information to your child's teacher about strengths and weaknesses for upcoming lessons and will help them individualize instruction for your child. We ask that you refrain from coaching or providing assistance of any kind when your child is taking any assessment, as this will prevent the teacher from assessing your child's academic strengths and weaknesses. Some of the other assessments listed on the chart are required as part of the state assessment program, or are commonly administered assessments to help students prepare for the college admission process.

Specific schedules for each grade and school are mailed home to parents in advance of any state and/or College Board standardized test administered to your child during the school day. Teachers will schedule virtual and/or in person benchmark assessments with students and/or parents according to the timeframes listed in the chart.

Should you have any questions regarding our assessment program, please feel free to contact your child's school and/or my office.

Thank you,

Dr. Maria Poidomani

Dumont Public Schools Assessment Chart

2020-2021

Assessment/Subject Area	Administration Dates/Time	Grades	Type of Assessment	Results Available
PSAT/NMSQT Practice Tests: https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice/full-length-practice-tests https://www.khanacademy.org	10/14/20 (for Gr.11) 1/26/21 (for Gr. 10)	*10 & 11 Duration: Approximately 3 hours.	College Board Assessment	December 2020 (Exact date determined by College Board)
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (English Language Proficiency Assessment)	Computer Administration: 2/16/21-5/21/21	*K-12 ELL students only Duration: 3 hours administered over several days.	State Administered Assessment	September 2021 (Exact time frame TBA by State)
NJSLA Computer Administration Grades 3 - 10 (ELA & Math) NJSLA Paper-Based Administration Practice Test Items: https://nj.digitalitemlibrary.com/home	Computer Administration: 3/15/21-6/11/21 Paper Administration: 3/15/21-4/30/21	*3-10 Specific grade/school/time schedules mailed in advance of test. Duration: Typically 4-6 hours per grade level. Test is divided into ELA and Math Units and is scheduled over several days.	State Administered Assessment	September 2021 (Exact time frame TBA by State)
NJ Student Learning Assessment for Science *Grades 5, 8, & 11 only Practice Test Items: http://measinc-nj-science.com/	Computer Administration: 3/15/21-6/11/21 Paper Administration: 4/19/21-4/30/21	*5 & 8 Duration: Gr. 5: TBA Gr. 8: TBA	State Administered Assessment	September 2021 (Exact time frame TBA by State)
College Board AP Testing https://www.collegeboard.org	Weeks of: 5/3/21 - 5/14/21	*10-12 -Students enrolled in AP Courses in the district Duration: Varies depending on subject.	College Board Assessment	June/July 2021

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SAT Testing https://www.collegeboard.org	*September 23, 2020 May 8, 2021	*Grade 12 only Grades 11-12	College Board Assessment	TBD
Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)-Diagnostic Benchmark Assessment	(3 x per year) Window 1: 9/30-10/9 Window 2: 1/4-1/15 Window 3: 3/16-3/20	*K-2 Duration: 10-15 min.	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent teacher conferences
DRA2 Benchmark Reading Diagnostic Assessments	(2x per year) Window 1: 9/21-10/9 Window 2: 5/10-5/21 Note: *Mid year testing Window for K & BSI only: 1/4/21-1/15/21	*K-5 <i>(K not until January 2021)</i> Duration: K-2 (15-20 min.) 3-5 (45-60 min.)	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent/teacher conferences
Link-It Benchmark Assessments (ELA or Math)	(3 x per year) Window 1:11/16-11/24 Window 2: 2/8-2/12 Window 3: 4/19-4/27	*K-5 Duration: 1 hour	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent teacher conferences
Link Assessments (ELA and Math)	(3 x per year) Window 1: 10/1-10/16 Window 2: 1/4 -1/8 Window 3: 4/19-4/27	6-8 & 9-11 Duration: 1 class period (55 minutes)	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent teacher conferences
STAR Benchmark Assessments (Reading and Math)	(3 x per year) Window 1: 10/12-10/16 Window 2: 1/4-1/8 Window 3: 3/8-3/12	2-5 Duration: 15-30 min.	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent teacher conferences
Envisions Math Benchmark Assessments	(2 x per year) BOY test: 9/30-10/9 EOY test: 3/8-3/19	K-5 Duration: 1 class period (60-65 minutes)	Used for instructional purposes	Available upon request; also at parent teacher conferences

* Denotes if a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP/504. Parent/guardians should contact their guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options. College Board sponsored tests require a pre-approval of accommodations in advance of the test.