

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 18A:7C-6.6, school districts in New Jersey are required to inform parents of certain general information regarding the upcoming school year's standardized testing. In satisfaction of that requirement, we are sharing with you our standardized testing schedule for the 2025-2026 school year, including the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) assessments in language arts, mathematics, and science. This is a comprehensive list and not all students take all of the assessments.

Key to understanding the assessment calendar:

- **Assessment** refers to the title of the assessment and explains if it's a district, state, and/or federal mandated assessment.
- **Target Grade Level** refers to the grade levels that will be assessed on that specific assessment.
- **Purpose** refers to a brief description of the assessment and why it's administered.
- **Timeline** refers to the amount of times the assessment is administered and during which months of the year.
- **Method of Assessment & Testing Time** refers to how the assessment is administered to the students. The two modes are computer-based and paper based. Testing time refers to the amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to the tentative dates districts receive results from the assessments. Once results are received, these results can be distributed to students, teachers, and families as soon as possible.

Best,



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Superintendent of Schools

During the 2025-2026 school year, Bloomingdale Schools will be administering the assessments listed in the following chart:

Test Administration Dates					
Assessment	Target Grade Level	Purpose	Timeline	Method of Assessment & Testing Time	Results Available
F&P Running Record Benchmarks	K-4	Fountas & Pinnell assessments are an accurate and reliable tools to identify the instructional and independent reading levels of	September 2025 January 2026 May 2026	Test Method: Paper and Pencil via teacher observation Duration: Approximately 20-30 minutes per	TBD Available upon request (if applicable)

<i>Administered to applicable students</i>		tested students		session per student Additional Information & Resources	
mCLASS Math-Benchmark Assessment <i>Required by Local District</i>	K-8	mCLASS Math is an assessment designed to help teachers better understand how students are developing math skills. The purpose of this assessment is to identify students' strengths and areas where they may need extra support, so instruction can be tailored to meet each child's unique needs. It gives teachers valuable insights into how students think about and approach math.	September 2025 January 2026 May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: Approximately 1/2 hour Additional Information & Resources	TBD Mailed home
STAR Reading - Benchmark Assessment <i>Required by Local District</i>	5-8	STAR Reading is a computer-based assessment that helps teachers understand each student's reading level and monitor their progress throughout the school year. The assessment provides teachers with immediate feedback to guide instruction and ensure every student is getting the support they need to grow as a reader.	September 2025 January 2026 May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: Approximately 1/2 hour Additional Information & Resources	TBD Mailed home
DIBELS 8th Edition Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills	K-4	The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) assessment is a set of procedures to measure the acquisition of literacy skills. The	September 2025 January 2026 May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: Approximately 10 minutes depending on the grade and time of year	TBD Mailed home

Required by Local District		assessments are designed to be brief and measures fluency that can be used to monitor the development of early literacy and early reading skills. The DIBELS results can be used to analyze individual student growth and guide instruction in the classroom.		Additional Information & Resources	
NJSLA Exams ELA/Math Required by state & federal government	All students in Grades 3-8	New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) is to measure students' progress, both statewide and within local school districts, in English and Math from third grade through high school toward the identified goal of college and career readiness.	Actual Dates: TBD NJDOE Window: May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: Unit testing time varies by grade Additional Information & Resources	September 2026 Mailed home
NJSLA Exams Science Required by state & federal government	Students in grades 5 & 8	New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) is to measure students' progress, both statewide and within local school districts, in English and Math from third grade through high school toward the identified goal of college and career readiness.	Actual Dates: TBD NJDOE Window: May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: Four 45 minute units for a total of 3 hours Additional Information & Resources	September 2026 Mailed home
DLM Assessment (Math, ELA, Sci) Required by state & federal government	Students identified by his/her IEP	The alternate assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science	Actual Dates: TBD NJDOE Window: April 2026 to May 2026	Test Method: Computer Based Assessment Duration: No time limit Additional Information & Resources	TBD Mailed home

Access Testing for ELLs 2.0 <i>Required by state & federal government</i>	K-8 students in the ELL program	New Jersey uses the WIDA Screener and WIDA MODEL for Grades 1-12 to identify English language learners (ELLs)	Actual Dates: TBD NJDOE Window: February 2026 to April 2026	Test Method: Oral one-on-one Kindergarten Computer Based Assessment Duration: No time limit Additional Information & Resources	TBD Mailed home
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