

# South Hackensack School District

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September 17, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know about the standardized assessments our school will be administering during the 2021-2022 school year. The New Jersey Department of Education has notified districts that the administration of the Start Strong assessment in the Fall of 2021 will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer general assessments in English language arts (ELA), mathematics, and science for the 2020-2021 school year. The Start Strong assessments are based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards and it will assist our district in providing our staff with an understanding of where each student is relative to their skills as well as help to identify any potential gaps in students' understanding of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). The online assessments will be administered by our teaching staff to the various grades. Mrs. Anne Turtoro, testing coordinator, will oversee their administration and Mr. Jeff Badre, technology coordinator, will oversee our computer testing.

The Start Strong testing dates for our students are listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Start Strong Assessments</u>
Monday, September 27th	Grades 4-8	Start Strong Assessment - ELA
Tuesday, September 28th	Grades 4-8	Start Strong Assessment - Mathematics
Wednesday, September 29th	Grade 6	Start Strong Assessment - Science

The New Jersey Department of Education has also notified districts of the details regarding the administration windows for the remaining mandatory statewide assessment testing for 2021-2022. Please refer to the chart below for the breakdown as it pertains to our district. As the year progresses, more details with regard to the remaining assessments will be communicated.

<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u>Administration Window</u>
NJSLSA - ELA, Math, Science	ELA: Grades 3-8 Math: Grades 3-8 Science: Grades 5 and 8 only	April 25, 2022 - June 3, 2022
ACCESS (English Language Learners)	Grados K-8	February 14, 2022 - April 8, 2022

Please remember that the test will not count against your child and that the school will use the valuable data to help drive our instructional needs and better provide for all our students. All we ask is that your child tries their best in all that they do.

If you have any questions concerning this testing plan, feel free to call me at 201-440-2782, extension 140.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Chirichella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Chirichella".

Jason Chirichella  
Superintendent/Principal