



September 20, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find information below regarding fall assessments district-wide for Nutley students. Please reach out directly to your child's building principal with any questions regarding the testing.

Start Strong

About the test: Due to the cancelation of New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in the spring of 2021, students in grades 4 through high school will be assessed based on a subset of prioritized prior-year academic standards. These assessments will be given for ELA grades 4-10, Mathematics grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II, and in Science grades 6, 9, and 12. The assessments are brief and can be administered in less than an hour each. Results will be made available to parents. Please refer to the [Start Strong Fall 2021 Administration: Information for Parents](#) for more about the assessment.

When:

Nutley High School: The Start Strong Mathematics assessment will be administered in mathematics classes from **September 27th to September 30th.**

On October 13th, the rest of the Start Strong assessments will be administered along with other assessments and presentations.

9th grade - ELA and Science

10th grade - ELA and an abbreviated unofficial PSAT assessment

11th grade - PSAT/NMSQT will be offered for free to all juniors. (no makeup testing provided)

12th grade - Science followed by a presentation on college and career planning by the NHS counseling staff.

IHWMS: Both 7th and 8th graders will take the ELA assessment on **October 5th** and the mathematics assessment on **October 7th.**

All Elementary Schools: Grades 4 - 6 will take the ELA assessment on **October 14th**, the mathematics assessment on **October 15th**, and the 6th grade will take the science assessment on **October 18th.**

All students who are present on these days will sit for the assessments. If a student is absent, makeup testing will be provided on a later date. Please make sure that students' devices are fully charged on the testing days.

How can I help my child prepare? In order to help prepare your child for the assessment, please be sure that your child gets a good night's sleep the night before, eats breakfast the morning of the test, and arrives at school on time. Students who arrive late to school will not be able to enter their classroom while the assessment is in progress. Tardy students will remain in the office until the assessment is completed for the day. Eleventh graders must bring a calculator.

Sincerely,

Persis Aviles
District Testing Coordinator