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Re: New Jersey Student Learning Standards Assessments and NJ Science Assessments/
Benchmarks

Dear OCS Community,

I am writing this letter to inform everyone that during the 2023-2024 school year, we will once again be conducting spring assessments for students in grades three through eight. Students in grades three through eight will be assessed in both English/ Language Arts (ELA) and in Math. We will also be assessing Algebra I for those who are taking Algebra I. Finally, students in grades five and eight will be assessed in Science. These assessments are federally-mandated and the State of New Jersey continues to monitor the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and use the assessments as the mechanism to meet federal Every Student Succeeds Act mandates. This is the direct link to the [NJDOE Assessment page](#) with important dates.

The ELA, Math and Science testing window has been formally determined and a definitive schedule will be constructed and conveyed to our families. Over the period of a few school days, students will be given four hours to take the assessments; however, most do not require the full time. Some students may have accommodations for an assessment, based on their educational plan and learning needs. All students in grades three through eight will be tested via the computers here in school. This may change for some of our students, depending on their educational needs.

We will also be using benchmark assessments during the course of the school year that are based on the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These benchmarks, from Study Island, First in Math, IntoMath, Journeys and MyAccess, will provide us with continuous data that can be used to further assist students.

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As we have been doing for the past few years, we have posted assessment information for parents and guardians, sample questions and answers and links to see results from previous testing. This information can be accessed via the OCS Backpack on our website, www.oxfordcentral.org.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Nittolo".

John Nittolo
Chief School Administrator

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