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Dear Parents,

It is the school district’s responsibility to notify parents and guardians by October 1st of any statewide student assessments or commercially developed standardized assessments that will be administered over the course of the school year. New this year, students in grades 4 through 8 will take the state mandated “Start Strong” assessments for both ELA and Math. Students in 6th grade will also take a “Start Strong” Science assessment. The “Start Strong” assessments will be administered October 6th – 8th. Results will be used for diagnostic purposes, so students’ learning can be supported appropriately. For a comprehensive list of the standardized and commercially developed assessments that will be given at White Township School in the 2021-2022 school year, please refer to the below table. To better understand the information contained in the table below, please refer to the following key:

- **Number of Testing Administrations in District** refers to the number of times a particular assessment will be offered during the school year.
- **Testing Mode** refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two modes are computer-based and paper-and-pencil. Some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your child has a medical issue that would not allow them to take the assessment on the computer.
- **Testing Time** is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.
- **Testing Window** is the period in which districts administer the statewide student assessment. It is not the actual number of days it takes a student to complete the assessment. School districts can choose the specific days within the window to administer the test. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.
- **Results Available** refers to date districts receive individualized student results from the assessment vendor. These results should be distributed to students, educators and families as soon as possible.

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Information about Available Accommodations and Accessibility Features	Number of Testing Administrations in District	Testing Mode	Testing Time Allotted per Student	Testing Window	Results Available	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
Start Strong Assessments	ELA, Math, & Science	Grades 4-8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Online only	Approximately 45-60 minutes per content area	9/13/21 - 10/22/21	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage

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NJSLA ELA/Math Spring Administration	ELA and Math	Grades 3-8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	4/25/22 - 6/3/22	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
NJSLA Science Administration	Science	Grades 5 & 8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours.	4/25/22 - 6/3/22	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3-8	DLM Accessibility Manual	1	Computer-based		4/1/22 - 5/27/22	TBD	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English Language Proficiency Test	K-8	WIDA Accessibility Accommodations	1	Paper – Grade K (and by request) Online Grades 1-8(Writing portion is paper Grades 1-3)	No time limit	2/14/22 - 4/8/22	TBD	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.
DRAs	Reading	K-5	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org	3 (Grades 4-5 TBD as Needed)	Paper-Based	Approximately 20 Minutes	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org
DIBELs	Reading	K-3	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org	3	Paper-Based	Approximately 20 Minutes	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Fall, Winter, & Spring	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org
InView	Cognitive Skills	2, 4, & 6	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org	1	Paper-Based	Approximately 150 Minutes	Spring	TBD	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org
LinkIt!	ELA and Math	K-8	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org	2	Computer-based	Approximately 45 Minutes per Content Area	Winter & Spring	Winter & Spring	Email walsh@whitetwpsd.org

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Walsh or myself.

Sincerely,
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