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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A: 7C-6.6 school districts are required to provide parents and guardians with information on the state assessment and any commercially-developed standardized assessment administered during the school year. Please find the 2021-2022 testing schedule on the second page of this letter. These dates may also be found on our district calendar located on the district website at www.tfschools.org.

Beginning next week, our students in grades 4-8 will begin the Start Strong Assessments. The Start Strong Assessments will satisfy the federal statewide assessment requirement to administer assessments in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science for the 2020-2021 school year. The Start Strong Assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers and school leaders. These assessments are advantageous to the educators in that they provide us with the flexibility to address students' unique needs early in the year. Remember to please have your child come to school with his/her headphones to be ready for the assessment.

Should you have any additional questions regarding standardized testing, you may contact my office, or the school office.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Cole

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Assistant Superintendent of Instruction/ Instructional Coach

2021-2022 Tinton Falls School District Student Assessment Schedule

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- English Language Arts (ELA)/ Mathematics/ Science	ELA, Math, and Science	ELA/Math: Grades 3 through 8 Science: Grade 6	Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Online only	45–60 minutes per subject assessment	9/27/21 to 10/22/21	Late Fall 2021 to Parents	Information to be released on Office of Assessments webpage
NJSLA ELA/Math Regular Spring Administration	ELA and Math	Grades 3 through 8	NJSLA Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual	1	Computer-based with paper-based options for students with disabilities	Unit Testing Times	4/25/22 to 6/3/22	Fall 2022	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	For grades 5 and 8: Four 45-minute units for a total of three hours.	4/25/22 to 6/3/22	Fall 2022	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Year End (YE) Model	ELA, Math, and Science	Grades 3 through 8	DLM Accessibility Manual	1	Computer-based		4/1/22 to 5/27/22	Fall 2022	For more information please visit the Office of Assessments webpage
ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	English language proficiency test	Grades 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 to 4/8/22	Fall 2022	Parent Handout Provided in different languages.

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DIBELS	ELA	Grades K-3		3	Online		September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	
Math Inventory	Math	Grades 6-8		3	Online		September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	
Achieve3000 ELA Diagnostic	ELA	Grades 6-8		3	Online		September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	
i-Ready ELA Diagnostic	ELA	Grades 2-5		3	Online		September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	
i-Ready Math Diagnostic	Math	Grades K-5		3	Online		September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	September 2021 January 2022 May 2022	