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Dear Parents,

Once again it is time for students to take their annual, state mandated assessments. Formerly known as PARCC, these assessments have a new name, the **New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA)**. In addition to a new name, the amount of time prescribed for each test has been reduced. This change will enable High Point to complete all testing over the course of just two days: **Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22.**

The three NJSLA tests will be administered as follows:

- **NJSLA-English:** Administered to all ninth and tenth-grade students.
- **NJSLA-Math:** Administered to all ninth and tenth-grade students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II.
- **NJSLA-Science:** Administered to all eleventh-grade students, even if they are not currently enrolled in a science class.

*For 2019 no eleventh-grade students are required to take NJSLA tests in English or math.

Last year **98%** of all High Point students who were scheduled to take these assessments fulfilled this requirement. As with any assessment, the results can only be leveraged to guide improvement if students genuinely engage with the test. We anticipate that our students will once again make a committed effort to perform well on the NJSLA and to demonstrate their true ability. Thank you for supporting our efforts to make this mandated assessment a meaningful tool to help increase student achievement.

Enclosed is a list of NJSLA FAQ's as well as instructions students can follow to practice for the assessments. **NJSLA Practice:** <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Seamus Campbell

20 Questions - NJSLA FAQ's:

1. Who Takes the NJSLA?

All ninth, tenth and eleventh-grade students, with the exception of students who take the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessment administered by our Special Education Department, take the NJSLA.

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- Seniors will have a delayed opening on both test days. Their required arrival time is 9:45 a.m.

2. When do we take the NJSLA?

Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22.

2019 NJSLA Test Schedule:

ENGLISH	ENGLISH	MATH	MATH
Tuesday, May 21	C Day Duty Assignments	Wednesday, May 22	D Day Duty Assignments
7:35-7:50	Instructions (15)	7:35-7:50	Instructions (15)
7:50-9:20	Test (ELA Unit 1) (90)	7:50-9:20	Test (Math Unit 1) (90)
9:20-9:30	wrap up (10)	9:20-9:30	wrap up (10)
9:30-9:40	break (10)	9:30-9:40	break (10)
9:40-9:55	instructions (15)	9:40-9:55	instructions (15)
9:55-11:25	Test (ELA Unit 2) (90)	9:55-11:25	Test (Math Unit 2) (90)
11:25-11:35	wrap up (10)	11:25-11:35	wrap up (10)
11:35-12:20	UL (45 min)	11:35-12:20	UL (45 min)
12:20-12:50	Period 7 (30 min)	12:20-12:50	Period 8 (30 min)
12:53-1:23	Period 3 (30 min)	12:53-1:23	Period 5 (30 min)
1:26-1:56	Period 4 (30 min)	1:26-1:56	Period 6 (30 min)
1:59-2:27	Period 1 (28 min)	1:59-2:27	Period 2 (28 min)

SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE	SCIENCE
Tuesday, May 21	C Day Duty Assignments	Wednesday, May 22	D Day Duty Assignments
7:35-7:50	Instructions (15)	7:35-7:50	Instructions (15)
7:50-8:50	Test (Science Unit 1) (60)	7:50-8:50	Test (Science Unit 3) (60)
8:50-9:00	break (10)	8:50-9:00	break (10)
9:00-9:15	instructions (15)	9:00-9:15	instructions (15)
9:15-10:15	Test (Science Unit 2) (60)	9:15-10:15	Test (Science Unit 4) (60)
10:15-10:30	wrap up (15)	10:15-10:30	wrap up (15)
10:35-11:35	(Study Hall in Test Room)	10:35-11:35	(Study Hall in Test Room)
11:35-12:20	UL (45 min)	11:35-12:20	UL (45 min)
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3. Is the NJSLA a graduation requirement?

Since 1977 New Jersey has required high school students to demonstrate proficiency in both English and math through an assessment. As of May 2019, students can demonstrate this proficiency through NJSLA, ASVAB, PSAT, SAT, Accuplacer or the NJDOE Portfolio. The specifics of this requirement have shifted somewhat over the past few years. As these requirements change, High Point will continue to be responsive and will communicate revised guidelines as they become available.

4. What if I really don't want to take the NJSLA?

The NJSLA is the only scheduled activity at High Point during the testing sessions. You are expected to be in your testing room during the NJSLA.

5. Where will I test?

You will test in a regular classroom using a Chromebook. Your English, math and science teachers will inform you of your testing room during the week of May 14.

6. Will I take the NJSLA with my subject teacher and classmates?

Students will be testing in classrooms (on Chromebooks) throughout the school building. Most likely, both students from your class as well as students from other classes will be in your test room. Students are not specifically assigned to test with their classroom teacher.

7. How long is the test each day?

Each test will take 60-90 minutes, and students will take two test units on most days. Many students will finish before the time expires. Students may read quietly when they finish a test.

8. I know I need to take the English NJSLA, but I'm not in an Algebra or Geometry class. Do I still take a math NJSLA?

Students in grades nine and ten who do not take Algebra I, Algebra II or Geometry DO NOT take a math NJSLA test this year. These students will be assigned to a study hall in the media center on May 22.

9. What happens if I am absent during a day I am scheduled to take the NJSLA?

Students who miss a portion of the NJSLA will be required to make-up the parts of the test they missed either in the afternoon on the day they return to school, or the first day they are in school after NJSLA testing ends.

10. What can I do if I finish the NJSLA before the testing time expires?

You may read quietly. All students may bring "leisure reading" materials to the test room. These materials may not relate to the subject being tested. Leave "The Adventures of Algebra" home on these days.

11. What if I took the PARCC last year for a class I am in this year?

There are some students who will take the NJSLA for a class for which they took the PARCC last year. This is not common, but some ninth graders took the Algebra I PARCC in 8th grade. If you are in Algebra I as a ninth grader, you take the Algebra I NJSLA this year. Also, students who are repeating a course must take the end of year test (NJSLA) again for that course.

12. I'm a senior. Do I need to take the NJSLA?

NO! Seniors will not take any of the NJSLA tests this year.

Seniors will have a delayed opening on both test days; their required arrival time is 9:45 a.m.

**** All ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students, whether taking a NJSLA test or not, are expected to be in school at our regular start time of 7:35 a.m.**

13. Are some students allowed extra time when they take standardized tests?

Yes. Students who are eligible for extra time on tests have been scheduled to take the NJSLA in a specific testing room where additional time will be provided.

14. If each test unit lasts for approximately 90 minutes, how long will classes be in the afternoon following NJSLA testing?

On test days the NJSLA will be given in the morning, followed by a schedule with Unit Lunch and then four instructional periods ranging from 28-30 minutes in length. See the schedule included in the answer to question number two.

15. What do I need to bring with me on test day?

Headphones (corded, not wireless), leisure reading material and a smile.

16. Why do I need headphones?

Headphones are optional during the NJSLA-Math, but they **are essential** for aspects of the English PARCC, as multimedia content is presented. We have some used, reconditioned headphones for students who do not bring their own corded headphones.

17. What items are prohibited from the test room?

Food, jackets, backpacks, textbooks, cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited in test rooms. *Juniors may bring a backpack to the NJSLA-Science test.

18. Do I need a calculator for the NJSLA?

No. The NJSLA is a computer based test and the platform which runs the test provides you with a calculator. Students are welcome to bring their own TI-84 graphing calculator to the math test.

19. Will I get a chance to practice taking NJSLA questions using the test platform?

Yes. All students will practice answering NJSLA questions and using the TestNav platform in class, during our "walk-through" on Monday, May 20, or on their own:

NJSLA PRACTICE: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

20. What if I have more questions about the NJSLA?

You may ask a teacher, your counselor or an administrator.

High Point Regional High School

Monday, May 20, 2019; 1:39 p.m.

WILDCAT PERIOD INSTRUCTIONS: NJSLA (formerly called PARCC) Practice Session

Good Afternoon Students,

For the next 45 minutes you will be directed to practice for the NJ Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA, formerly called PARCC) on a Chromebook. This afternoon's session is only practice. If you make any errors, it will NOT impact your test results. Relax!!

In order to prepare for the NJSLA tests you can practice using the online test system, TestNav, by using **TUTORIALS**. You can also take sample questions in each subject using **PRACTICE TESTS**.

This afternoon you will practice using TestNav, and you also practice taking some sample questions.

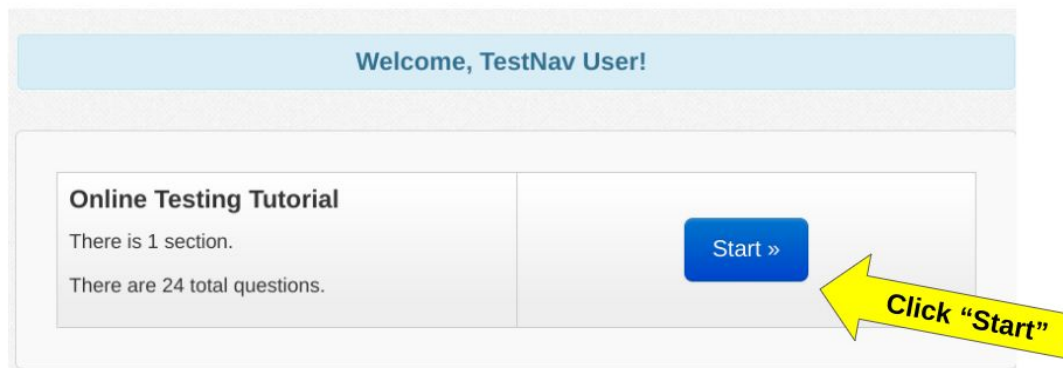
Which NJSLA test does each student take?

- **All juniors** take the NJSLA-Science test. Juniors are not scheduled to take the Math or English test.
- **All freshmen and sophomores** take the NJSLA-English test.
- **All freshmen and sophomores enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry or Algebra II** take the NJSLA-MATH test for that course.

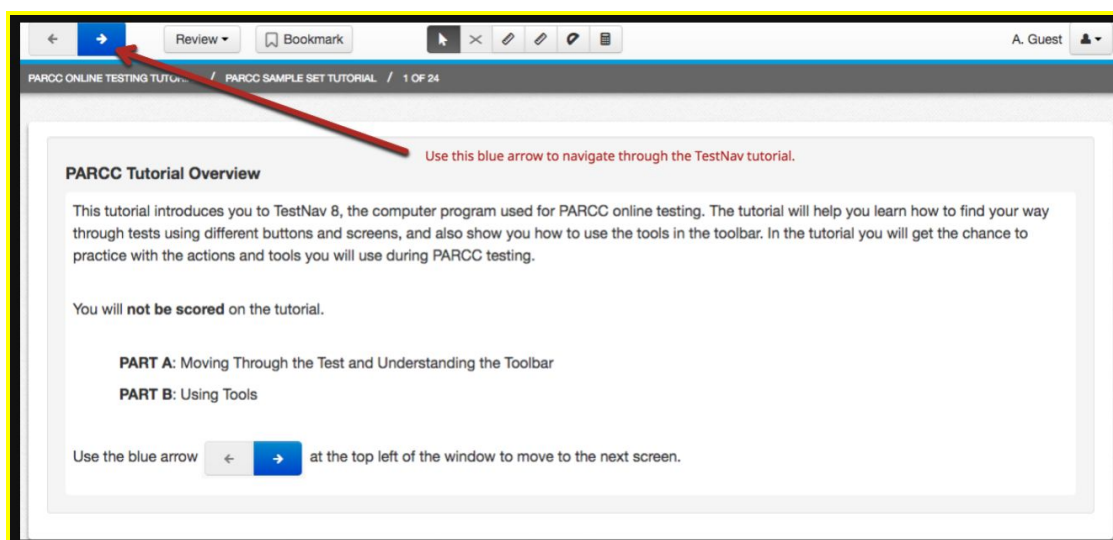
TUTORIALS:

1. Overall Tutorial on how to use TestNav:

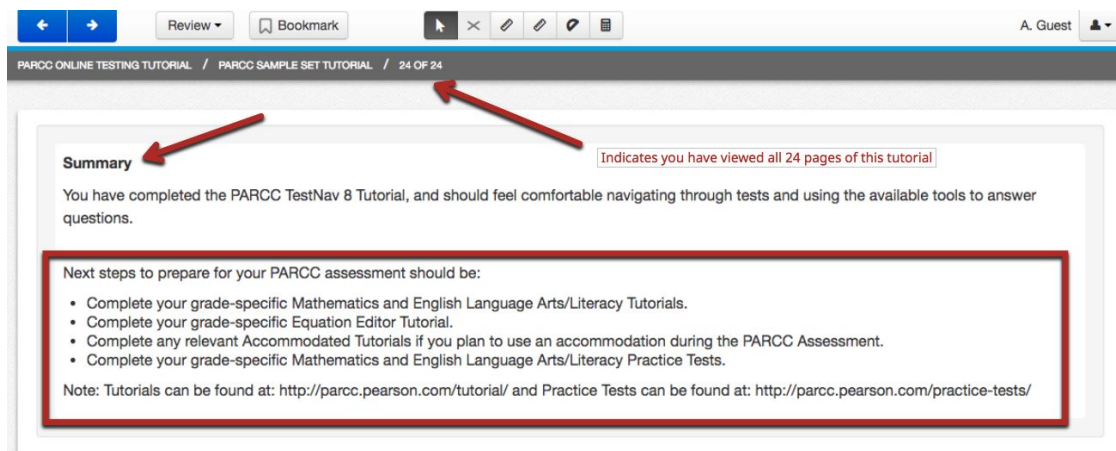
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2. Use the blue arrow at the top of the page to view all 24 pages of this tutorial.



3. When you reach the "Summary" page you have finished the TestNav8 tutorial.

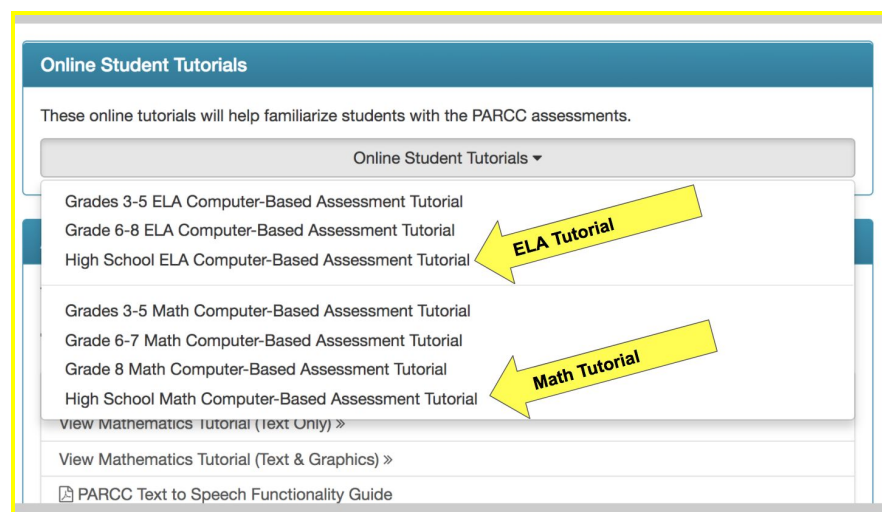
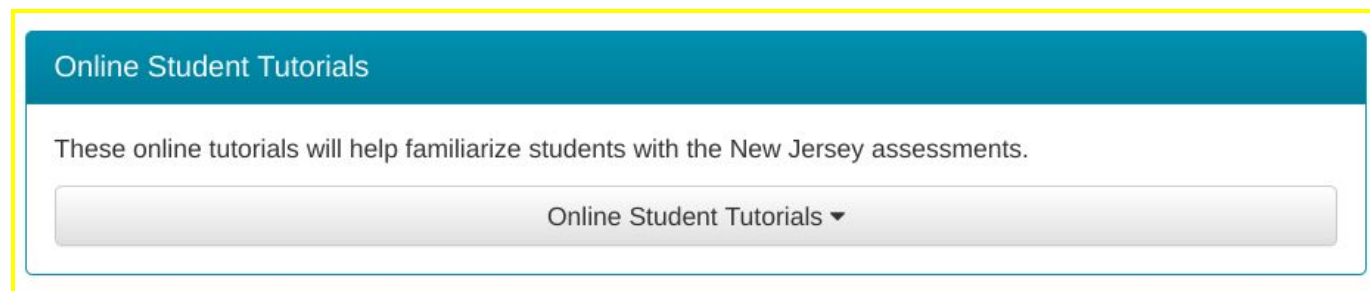


*****Freshmen and Sophomores:

4. Go to the main tutorial page:

<https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/tutorial/>

5. Now go through the ELA and Math Tutorials:



******JUNIORS:**

Go here to take the NJSLA-Science tutorial:

<http://measinc-nj-science.com/>

NJSLA-SCIENCE PRACTICE TESTS

Click Links Below to Access NJSLA-S Practice Tests

[High School Regular Form Practice Test](#)

[Grade 8 Regular Form Practice Test](#)

[Grade 8](#)

[TEXT-TO-SPEECH](#)

[SCREEN READER](#)

Click here to practice Science Test

Click the blue “Start” button:

Welcome, TestNav User!

High School Science - Unit 1

There is 1 section.

There are 23 total questions.

Enter your name:

Name:

[Start »](#)

* Once you have completed the tutorials you may log out and and shut down your chromebook. Your proctor (teacher) will instruct you regarding returning your chromebook to the cart, and he or she will also read a few announcements.

On your own, feel free to further familiarize yourself with the TestNav8 testing system and with practice test questions.

PRACTICE TESTS

1. GO TO: <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/practice-tests/>

For more practice on Math, English and Science tests.

SIGNING IN: You DO NOT need a username or password when you are PRACTICING. Simply use the name “Guest” or any name you would like, and enter the practice test:

ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES: The NJSLA tests have numerous tools which assist students, and make the test more user friendly.

Notice how this Algebra I question can be answered with the use of an “EXHIBIT,” in this case - a Math Reference Sheet:

Exhibits

Formula Chart

PARCC
Partnership for Assessment of
Readiness for College and Careers

High School Assessment Reference Sheet

1 inch = 2.54 centimeters
1 meter = 39.37 inches
1 mile = 5280 feet
1 mile = 1760 yards
1 mile = 1.609 kilometers

1 kilometer = 0.62 mile
1 pound = 16 ounces
1 pound = 0.454 kilograms
1 kilogram = 2.2 pounds
1 ton = 2000 pounds

1 cup = 8 fluid ounces
1 pint = 2 cups
1 quart = 2 pints
1 gallon = 4 quarts
1 gallon = 3.785 liters
1 liter = 0.264 gallons
1 liter = 1000 cubic centimeters

Triangle	$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$	Pythagorean Theorem	$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
Parallelogram	$A = bh$	Quadratic Formula	$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$
Circle	$A = \pi r^2$	Arithmetic Sequence	$a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$

BOOKMARK: Each Section of a NJSLA test allows you to “**Bookmark**” a question. After you have gone through all questions, it indicates how many questions are “Not Answered” and how many questions were “Bookmarked.” This allows you to move past questions with which you might be struggling, and then go back to these questions if time permits.

End of Unit 1: Non-calculator Section

Use the **Review** button above to go back and review your answers. When you are done, use the **Submit Section** button below to submit your answers.



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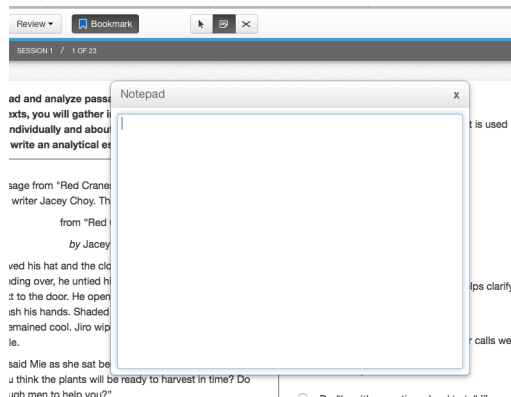


Bookmarks

Submit Section >>

Once you are satisfied with your answers, select “**Submit Section.**”

The “**Notepad**” feature allows you to take notes and use them to help you answer questions:



The “**Pointer**” (arrow icon at top of page) feature allows you to highlight text as you read:

about each text individually and about the relationship between the texts so you can write an analytical essay.

Read the passage from "Red Cranes," a short story written by United States writer Jacey Choy. Then answer the questions.

from "Red Cranes"

1 Jiro removed his hat and the cloth band tied around his forehead. Bending over, he untied his shoes, then set them in the shoe rack next to the door. He opened the door and shuffled over to the sink to wash his hands. Shaded by the aged cherry trees, the small house remained cool. Jiro wiped his hands on a towel and sat at the low table.

2 "Father," said Mie as she sat beside him, "how is the work going today? Do you think the plants will be ready to harvest in time? Do you have enough men to help you?"

MATH Sections: When needed, students are provided with calculators, protractors, rulers and other tools.

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