



Buena Regional School District

2026-2027 Standardized Assessment Information for Parents/Guardians and the General Public

Annual Notification under N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6

New Jersey law requires school districts to notify parents/guardians by October 1 of statewide student assessments and commercially developed standardized assessments that will be administered during the school year. *This streamlined notice also includes selected district benchmarks for transparency.*

Accessibility and accommodations: Appropriate accessibility features and accommodations are provided consistent with each assessment's requirements and a student's IEP, Section 504 Plan, or other documented needs.

[Official NJDOE 2026-2027 Statewide Assessment Testing Schedule](#) | [NJDOE Assessment Resources](#)

A. Statewide Assessments

Assessment / Subject	Grades	Requirement	Testing Time	Testing Window(s)	Results Available	Parent Information / Samples
DLM - ELA, Math & Science	ELA/Math: 3-8, 11 Science: 5, 8, 11	State & Federal (IE model optional)	Varies by testlet and student.	IE: Sept. 14-Dec. 23, 2026 Year End: Apr. 5-May 28, 2027	Immediately / per DLM reporting	DLM resources & samples
NJGPA-Adaptive - ELA & Math	11-12, as applicable to graduation requirements	State	TBD in 2026-27 administration guidance.	Fall: Oct. 13-28, 2026 Spring: Mar. 1-19, 2027 Summer: July 19-Aug. 3, 2027	Shared after NJDOE final reports are received.	NJGPA-A resources & samples
NJSLA-Adaptive - ELA & Math	ELA: 3-9 Math: 3-HS, as applicable	State & Federal	TBD in 2026-27 administration guidance.	Fall Block: Nov. 30-Dec. 16, 2026 Spring: Apr. 19-May 21, 2027	Shared after NJDOE final reports are received.	NJSLA-A resources & samples
WIDA ACCESS / Alternate ACCESS - English Language Proficiency	K-12 multilingual learners, as applicable	State & Federal	Varies by grade, domain and assessment.	Feb. 1-Apr. 2, 2027	Shared after final reports are received.	WIDA ACCESS resources
NJSLA-Science	5, 8, 11	State & Federal	TBD in 2026-27 administration guidance.	Apr. 19-May 21, 2027	Shared after NJDOE final reports are received.	NJSLA-S resources & samples

B. Commercially Developed District Assessments

Assessment / Subject	Grades	Requirement	Testing Time	Testing Window(s)	Results Available	Parent Information / Samples
NWEA MAP Growth - ELA/Reading & Math	ELA: 3-11 Math: 6-11	Local	Untimed; most students finish in about 45-55 minutes per subject.	Fall: Sept. 9-18 Winter: Jan. 13-22 Spring: June 2-9	Family reports planned: Oct. 16, Feb. 2, June 15	NWEA Family Toolkit

Assessment / Subject	Grades	Requirement	Testing Time	Testing Window(s)	Results Available	Parent Information / Samples
mCLASS DIBELS - Early Literacy / Foundational Reading	K-5	Local; district literacy screener	Benchmark screening generally takes about 2-6 minutes per student, depending on grade.	Fall: Sept. 9-30 Winter: Jan. 11-26 Spring: May 24-June 9	Family reports planned: Oct. 16, Feb. 2, June 15	mCLASS DIBELS Parent Guide
i-Ready Diagnostic - Math	K-5	Local	Adaptive assessment; duration varies by grade and student.	Fall 1-5: Sept. 9-18 Fall K: Oct. 5-19 Winter: Jan. 13-22 Spring: June 2-9	Family reports planned: Oct. 16 (1-5), Oct. 23 (K), Feb. 2, June 15	i-Ready Family Resources

C. Additional District Benchmark Assessments

These locally developed or locally administered measures are included for family transparency, even when they may not meet the statutory definition of a commercially developed standardized assessment.

Assessment / Subject	Grades	Requirement	Testing Time	Testing Window(s)	Results Available	Parent Information / Samples
District Writing Benchmarks	K-11	Local	Varies by grade/course; administered during regular instruction.	Unit 1 due Nov. 11 Unit 2 due Jan. 27 Unit 3 due Apr. 14 Unit 4 due June 10	Results inform instruction and course reporting; no separate district family-report date.	Contact your child's teacher/school
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment	K	Local	Varies by administration.	Oct. 13-30, 2026	Shared with families at parent/teacher conferences.	Contact the kindergarten teacher/school

Sources and update note: State assessment names, grade levels, and administration windows are aligned to the NJDOE 2026-2027 Statewide Assessment Testing Schedule. Local testing windows and family-report dates are based on Buena Regional School District's 2026-2027 Benchmark Assessment Dates. This notice may be updated if NJDOE, WIDA, DLM, or vendor guidance changes.