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Dear Parents and Guardians:

This spring, schools across New Jersey will administer the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science. The assessments for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics will be administered to students in grades 3 - 9 (some students may be required to test in grade 10 based on unique circumstances) and the Science assessments will be administered to students in grades 5, 8 and 11.

The NJSLA assessments are statewide assessments that assess students' progress toward the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in ELA, Mathematics, and Science. The assessment is administered in computer-based testing (CBT) format, although paper-based testing (PBT) is available as an accommodation. English Language Arts (ELA) assessments will focus on writing effectively when analyzing text. Mathematics assessments will focus on applying skills and concepts and understanding multi-step problems that require abstract reasoning and modeling real-world problems, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools. Science assessments will focus on applying scientific concepts and practices within the domain of Earth and Space, life, and physical sciences. Students will demonstrate their acquired skills and knowledge by answering selected-response items, constructed response items and technology-enhanced questions.

There are a few ways parents and guardians can help prepare their child for the assessments:

- Your child has been issued a district Chromebook, please ensure they bring it to school charged on every day of testing
- Make sure your child attends school on the days of testing. Students who arrive late during testing will not be able to enter the classroom due to interruption while others are testing.
- Send your child with a pair of headphones, which are needed for the assessment.
- Have your child get a good night's sleep the night before each test.
- Encourage your child to eat a healthy breakfast each morning before testing.

Please note, according to New Jersey Department of Education State assessment regulations, electronic devices are not permitted in any testing room during testing. This mandate applies to all electronic devices, including cell phones, smart watches, and digital readers. Please share the importance of adhering to this regulation with your child prior to test administration.

NJSLA schedules and information can be found on the district [website](http://www.buenaschools.org) in the Office of Academics tab, under the Statewide Assessments heading. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the spring administration of the assessments, please contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

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