



Howell Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the spring, your student participated in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) administration to measure their academic performance with grade level content as defined in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS). Evaluating the results from statewide testing can be a helpful tool in measuring your student's success in school, and it is just one of the many ways your student's teachers and administrators can determine whether he or she is on track for the next grade or ready for college and their career. New Jersey has had statewide tests for decades, and they have served as a small, but important part of assessing our students' annual progress.

The Individual Student Reports (ISRs) have been developed based on feedback from parents/guardians and educators. There are two ISRs, one for English language arts (ELA) and one for mathematics. A written explanation indicates where your student is doing well and where he or she may need additional help. There are also charts and graphics that show you how well your student is performing in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards, and how your student's performance compares to other students in his or her school, district and state. More information about the NJ Student Learning Standards can be found at: <https://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/>.

Newly available this year is the Digital Item Library, accessible at <https://nj.digitalitemlibrary.com/home>. This digital library provides access to released items from the NJSLA ELA and mathematics assessments. Tools available in the library can help search for specific items, or sort items by Evidence Statements or standards. The items are displayed online and allow for users to view and interact with the items in the exact same manner as student test-takers. Additional released items will continue to be added as they become available.

Another addition to score reporting for the 2019 ELA and mathematics results is an online portal for parents/guardians. The online portal, provided by NJDOE, will include the student's scale score, quick access to resources that fit your student's needs, and a video score report. The portal will also allow for you to track your student's scores from year to year, beginning with Spring 2019. To access the online portal, you must create an account using the unique claim code that is located on your student's paper ISR. The portal will be accessed through <https://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com/login>. The video score report that will be available through the online portal communicates information from the ISR through animations and a voiceover in New Jersey's top five languages: English, Spanish, Chinese, Portuguese, and Arabic. You will be able to access the New Jersey parent portal in early October 2019.

Should you have any questions, please contact your child's current school.

Sincerely,

Joseph Isola
Superintendent