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TO: District Test Coordinators  
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SUBJECT: 2012 Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA) Testing Schedule and Appeal Process

The Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA) measures high school competency in Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. It is intended to offer an alternative means of meeting the state graduation assessment requirement. The AHSA is administered to students who did not meet their state testing requirement through the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA).

**2012 ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (AHSA) TEST SCHEDULE**

**January 9 – January 27, 2012**

Monday, January 2, 2012

Download the secure AHSA test materials, the HSPA mathematics reference sheet, and the Writer's Checklist from the AHSA website at [www.measinc.com/nj](http://www.measinc.com/nj)

During the week of January 2, 2012

Districts will receive answer documents and HSPA ID Bar-Code labels

Monday, January 9, 2012

Assessment begins

Friday, January 27, 2012

Assessment ends and all used answer documents must be sent via FedEx to Measurement Incorporated (MI)

Friday, March 16, 2012

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**March 19 – April 4, 2012**

Monday, March 12, 2012

Download the secure AHSA test materials, the HSPA mathematics reference sheet, the Writer's Checklist from the AHSA website at [www.measinc.com/nj](http://www.measinc.com/nj)

During the week of March 12, 2012

Districts will receive answer documents and HSPA ID Bar-Code labels

Monday, March 19, 2012

Assessment begins

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Assessment ends and all used answer documents must be sent via FedEx to Measurement Incorporated (MI)

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

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**June 18 - 29, 2012**

Monday, June 11, 2012

Download the secure AHSA test materials, the HSPA mathematics reference sheet, the Writer's Checklist from the AHSA website at [www.measinc.com/nj](http://www.measinc.com/nj)

During the week of June 11, 2012

Districts will pick-up answer documents from their county offices. No HSPA ID Bar-Code labels will be available for this testing window.

Monday, June 18, 2012

Assessment begins

Friday, June 29, 2012

Assessment ends and all used answer documents must be sent via FedEx to Measurement Incorporated (MI)

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

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## **ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT (ASHA) APPEAL PROCESS**

Since the Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA) results from the second testing window will be available to districts on May 16, 2012, AHSA appeals for students not yet demonstrating proficiency on the Language Arts Literacy (LAL) or Mathematics state assessments must be postmarked no later than Monday, May 21, 2012. These appeals should be for students who can demonstrate proficiency through work samples as well as performance on the HSPA/AHSA assessments. While all of these will be taken into consideration, it is important to note that work samples must clearly demonstrate a level of proficiency equal to that required by the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)/AHSA. More specifics about the AHSA appeals process will be forthcoming.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Faye Ball, AHSA coordinator, at 609-984-1970, or [faye.ball@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:faye.ball@doe.state.nj.us).

Thank you.

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