



# STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## 2025-2026 Revised Statewide Assessment Schedule

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is updating the Spring 2026 testing window for the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A), the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-A), and the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S).

The NJDOE is making these revisions in response to concerns raised about the original Spring 2026 testing window and the scheduling challenges it created, including considerations for local scheduling practices, unexpected closures, or religious observances. These changes will provide greater flexibility and help ensure that all students have appropriate opportunities to participate in statewide assessments.

### Key Changes

The NJGPA-A testing window is being extended by three (3) days, now closing on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. Additionally, for the NJGPA-A, the NJSLA-A, and the NJSLA-S, flexibility is being offered so that districts may make use of the full testing window to administer the statewide assessments. This includes the original testing window and the previously identified make-up testing window.

Even with this flexibility, districts need to ensure that each student is provided with a regular testing date as well as a make-up testing opportunity. Districts should begin administering make-up testing as soon as allowable within their testing schedule.

The chart below includes updated testing windows for the NJGPA-A, the NJSLA-A, and the NJSLA-S. Session and unit times can be found in the [Test Coordinator Manual](#), including limits on units per day and required breaks and procedures. Additional dates and schedules can be found on the NJDOE's [Assessment Testing Schedule webpage](#). [FAQs](#) are also available.

Assessment	Grades	Administration Window
New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment-Adaptive (NJGPA-A)	11	March 16 through April 1, 2026
New Jersey Student Learning Assessments-Adaptive (NJSLA-A)	ELA: 3 through 9 Math: 3 through high school (Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II as needed, based on accountability requirements)	April 27 through May 29, 2026
New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-S)	Science: 5, 8, and 11	April 27 through May 29, 2026

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