

**New Jersey Department of Education
Title Committee of Practitioners Meeting
TEAMS Chat Box Question Submissions**

September 23, 2022

Q&A

Q. What is a Blue-Ribbon School?

A. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools based on their overall academic excellence or their progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. More information about the program is available on the [NJDOE Blue Ribbon Schools page](#).

Q. Any chance for a carryover or spend out period for ESSER past September 2024?

A. The project period is set by the legislation and it would take an Act of Congress to change. However, the U.S. Department of Education (USED) is working on a late liquidation procedure for funds that are obligated but not yet liquidated due to supply chain issues or construction delays. More information on that will be provided once we have the details from USED.

Q. Would you please post the link to the fact sheet and information on Teacher Shortages solutions.

A. FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces Public and Private Sector Actions to Strengthen Teaching Profession and Help Schools Fill Vacancies - The White House

Our nation's teachers prepare and inspire the next generation of leaders that are critical to our future <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2022/08/31/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-public-and-private-sector-actions-to-strengthen-teaching-profession-and-help-schools-fill-vacancies>. <https://tinyurl.com/3mxz4ve2>

Q. Where can I find more information on the School Performance Report?

A. More information may be found on the NJDOE [New Jersey School Performance Report home page](#).

Q. Are the criteria available?

A. Yes, the criteria is available on the department's website at <https://www.nj.gov/education/ESSA/>

Q. So there are no assessment requirements at all for the Class of 23?

A. According to what was signed into law on July 5th, the Graduation Proficiency Assessment nor the alternate assessments, nor the portfolio appeals can be utilized as a barrier to graduation.

Q. As accountability measures are applied for targeted, comprehensive support status, will this be based on Start Strong or NJSLA next year?

A. The department will not use Start Strong data to identify schools for status. We will be using the 21-22 NJSLA scores when we run our identification this fall.

Q. Are LEAs required to present Start Strong results to BOE as well?

A. That is the intention and as those requirements come up, we will release memos through the *PearsonAccessNext* (PAN) direct to districts, as well as provide broadcasts for very specific guidance.

Q. Would the NJGPA Scores be released?

A. Yes, the Individual Student Reports (ISRs) were released to the districts on October 5, 2022, and the summative files were released on October 12, 2022.

Q. Will the NJSIA be a baseline?

A. The spring 2022 NJSLA assessment scores are still comparable to the prior administrations, however, districts should take the results as a single data point as this was the first administration post remote learning.

Q. Do we know cut points for identification?

A. Yes, the cut scores for all the statewide assessments have been identified. Without knowing which assessment this is referring to I cannot be specific as to what the cuts are for the specific assessment.

Q. Will Start Strong be required for next year?

A. The results from the Start Strong assessment will be evaluated. A decision on administration of the Start Strong assessments beyond fall 2022 has not yet been made.

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Q. Will MSGP's be coming out for teachers?

A. Yes, MSGP will not be calculated for the 21-22 school year, in addition, the department is not calculating student growth percentiles for 21-22. However, it is believed they will resume for the 22-23 school year.

Links Shared:

Maximizing Federal Funds NJDOE Homepage

<https://www.nj.gov/education/federal/funding/index.shtml>