



Upper Township School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you that NJSLA Start Strong testing will return in 2022. These state-mandated tests have been implemented to provide schools and districts the flexibility to address students' needs at the beginning of the school year. These computer-based assessments are aligned to the New Jersey State standards, and students will be assessed on content from the previous grade level. More information can be found at <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/startStrong/>.

Tests are designed to be brief, with only one 60 minute language arts, and 60 minute math section in grades 4 - 8. There will also be one 60 minute science test for 6th grade only. Parents should receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) for each content in which their child is tested.

As specific testing dates are currently being determined for each grade level, all assessments must be completed during the month of September. Specific dates, when determined, will be added to the District calendar.

Grades and subjects testing in September:

- **Elementary School - 4 & 5th**
 - *Language Arts and Math*

- **Middle School - 6th - 8th**
 - *Language Arts and Math*
 - *Science (6th grade only)*

Please continue to assist us in providing each and every one of our students with the greatest opportunity to be successful and demonstrate their true abilities. Please be aware that any student who arrives late to school while the test is being administered will have to make up that particular test. Students who arrive late will have to wait in the office until testing is over.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the state assessment, feel free to contact me by phone (609) 628-3500 extension 2110, or email smith.david@upperschools.org. On behalf of the Upper Township School District, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

David Smith

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