



Clark Public Schools

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School

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April 11, 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School will administer the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) to students in grades six through eight between April 30 and May 10. The assessments measure student achievement in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy. Eighth grade students will also take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S) on May 13 and 14. Please note these tests are computer based assessments.

Students should arrive to school at the normal time and proceed directly to homeroom. Students who are testing will report to their testing location after homeroom. The testing schedule is attached. During the testing window, Kumpf School will follow an adjusted bell schedule. Between April 30 and May 10 (note: On May 13 and 14 for the NJSLA-S we will follow the normal period schedule) students will follow the period schedule below:

Period 1
Period 2
Period 3
Period 5
Period 6
Period 7
Period 4
Period 8
Period 9

This schedule adjustment is being done so we can complete two testing sessions each day. If students are not testing, they will attend their regular classes following the adjusted period schedule. For sixth grade students, since lunch will be earlier, they are permitted to bring a "healthy" snack to have during their period 4 class.

For the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment, students must bring headphones/ear buds with an audio jack. These devices cannot be wireless. For the Math assessment, students are encouraged to use the calculator that is provided within the NJSLA computer program. However, hand-held calculators will be available at the testing location for students to use if they prefer that option.

In addition, please be aware of the following:

- Do not schedule appointments during testing days
- Make-up tests will be administered as early as the next day following a student absence
- Mobile devices are **not** permitted in testing rooms. Students will sign the 'Mobile Device Contract' prior to testing (see attached)

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the main office or guidance department.

Sincerely,

Rick Delmonaco

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Principal

**NJSLA 2019
Testing Schedule**

Date	Test Area/Unit	Test Length	Test Time
April 30	ELA 6 Unit 1	90 min	8:25am - 9:55am
April 30	ELA 6 Unit 2	90 min	12:45pm - 2:15pm
May 1	ELA 7 Unit 1	90 min	8:25am - 9:55am
May 1	ELA 7 Unit 2	90 min	12:45pm - 2:15pm
May 2	ELA 8 Unit 1	90 min	8:25am - 9:55am
May 2	ELA 8 Unit 2	90 min	12:45pm - 2:15pm
May 3	Math 6 Unit 1	60 min	8:25am - 9:25am
May 3	Math 6 Unit 2	60 min	12:45pm - 1:45pm
May 6	Math 6 Unit 3	60 min	8:25am - 9:25am
May 6	Math 7 Unit 1	60 min	12:45pm - 1:45pm
May 7	Math 7 Unit 2	60 min	8:25am - 9:25am
May 7	Math 7 Unit 3	60 min	12:45pm - 1:45pm
May 8	Math 8 Unit 1	60 min	8:25am - 9:25am
May 8	Math 8 Unit 2	60 min	12:45pm - 1:45pm
May 9	Math 8 Unit 3	60 min	8:25am - 9:25am
May 10	Alg.1/Geo. Unit 1	90 min	8:25am - 9:55am
May 10	Alg.1/Geo. Unit 2	90 min	12:45pm - 2:15pm
May 13	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	2/45 min	8:25am - 9:55am
May 14	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	2/45 min	8:25 am – 9:55 am
May 15	NJSLA-S Make-Ups	Make-Ups	
May 15	Make-Ups	Make-Ups	
May 16	Make-Ups	Make-Ups	

Adjusted Bell Schedule (April 30th to May 10th)

Period 1– Testing

Period 5- 6th Grade Lunch

Period 4– Testing

Period 2– Testing

Period 6- 7th Grade Lunch

Period 8 – Testing

Period 3– Testing

Period 7- 8th Grade Lunch

Period 9 – Testing



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MOBILE DEVICE CONTRACT

According to provisions adopted by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Clark Board of Education, student use of cell phones or any electronic mobile device is strictly prohibited during standardized assessments. As per the policy of Carl H. Kumpf Middle School and District Policy 5516, and as stated in the Student Handbook possession of a cell phone or any electronic device during a NJSLA testing session will result in disciplinary action:

Cell phones are never permitted in testing locations. Any student found in violation of this policy will have his/her test scores invalidated and will be disciplined accordingly. As is our usual policy, in the event of an emergency, parents are asked to contact the main office.

Disruptions resulting from possession of a mobile device, including ringers, notifications, and/or resistance to adhering to the policy as stated, in addition to use of a device to photograph and/or transmit NJSLA test content, will result in school officials taking the following actions:

- Confiscating the mobile device**
- Enforcing appropriate disciplinary action**
Discipline typically results in a one-day suspension from school
- Submitting an Irregularity Report as required by the NJ Department of Education**

This may invalidate the scores of both the student who committed the infraction, as well as the other students present in the classroom.

I have hereby read and understand the policy regarding the possession and/or use of electronic mobile devices during standardized assessments, know the consequences of any such action, and agree to abide by the provisions as stated, in addition to taking necessary steps to prevent such an event from occurring.

Student Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

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February 22, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will once again be assessing students in grades three to eight in language arts literacy and mathematics through a computer-based system, now referred to as the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – English Language Arts (NJSLA-ELA) and the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Mathematics (NJSLA-M) but formerly known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. This online testing system will also still be used with ninth through eleventh-grade students to assess their English skills and their Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 skills. Fifth, eighth, and eleventh-grade students will continue to participate online in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S) for the second year now. These assessments will all measure student mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The actual testing schedule/windows are listed below. Please note that each NJSLA consists of only one administration this year as opposed to the two administrations that accompanied the first year of PARCC testing. Students will not be testing throughout these entire NJSLA testing windows. More specific school-based schedules are to follow.

NJSLA-ELA and NJSLA-M

ALJ	April 8, 2019 to April 26, 2019
CHK	April 30, 2019 to May 15, 2019
FKH	May 7, 2019 to May 24, 2019
VRS	April 8, 2019 to April 12, 2019 and April 22, 2019 to May 3, 2019

NJSLA-S

Grade 11 ALJ	May 28, 2019 to May 31, 2019
Grade 8 CHK	May 16, 2019 to May 21, 2019
Grade 5 FKH	May 28, 2019 to May 31, 2019
Grade 5 VRS	June 4, 2019 to June 7, 2019

Kindly make certain that, as with any test, your children are well rested and nourished prior to taking these assessments. Students who are absent on a given testing day will be scheduled for the corresponding make-up session. Based on N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1 et seq., parents/guardians cannot “opt out” on behalf of their children when it comes to state-



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standardized tests. Furthermore, parents at the high school level run the risk of their children not receiving a state-endorsed diploma should their children not complete the assessments. **Despite messages being conveyed by the media, the guidance that we are receiving from the NJDOE is to operate under the same guidelines as in the past. Please also know that we will continue to use these test results as a factor to determine student placement at the various grade levels due to the comparison data over numerous years that we now have. In addition, these results are a key component towards our school rankings. These rankings are of critical importance in terms of how our schools, our school district as a whole, and our township are viewed externally, and such views have a direct correlation on property values.**

I hope you find the information provided above to be helpful. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact our Supervisor of Pupil Personnel Services/Guidance, Mr. Andrew Amendola. Mr. Amendola serves as our District Test Coordinator and can be reached at aamendola@clarkschools.org or 732-574-9600 ext. 3263.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Grande

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