



Brigantine Public School District

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301 East Evans Boulevard
Brigantine, New Jersey 08203

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RE: State Science Assessment Notice

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Jersey Department of Education recently released new guidance on the upcoming science assessment for elementary, middle, and high school students. There have been changes to the assessment as well as the grades to which the test will be administered. Historically, the NJ ASK Science test was given in grades four and eight. Please see the changes below identified by the NJ Department of Education for the 2017-2018 school year.

- The new science assessments will be administered in spring 2018 and will be aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science, which all school districts were required to implement by the 2017-18 school year.
- While the new science assessments will be computer-based tests including technology-enhanced items, it is not anticipated that districts will need to implement any significant infrastructure and technology upgrades to administer the tests.
- The science assessments will be administered in grades 5, 8 and 11. There will be no 4th grade science assessment this school year.
- The NJDOE is reaching out to educators with degrees in science to serve on Science Assessment Advisory Committees to ensure educators are working with the NJDOE throughout these transitions and are providing direct input regarding many aspects of the administration and implementation of the new assessments.
- The NJDOE expects to release detailed information about the assessments in the coming weeks.

Once we have further information about the new science tests, we will provide details to you. Please visit our website at www.brigantineschools.org under Assessment Resources for information and links to state testing materials. We will send and post further information as it becomes available.

Thank you for all you do for your child(ren) and our school community. If you have any questions, please contact your child's school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this educational endeavor.

Sincerely,

Brian M. Pruitt
Superintendent