

West Essex Regional School District



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STATE AND NATIONAL TEST DATES

2023-2024 School Year

SAT	2023: Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2 2024 (DIGITAL): March 9, May 4, June 1
ACT	2023: Oct. 28, Dec. 9 2024: Feb. 10, April 13, June 8, July 13
PSAT	October 11, 2023 (DIGITAL)
NJGPA - Math, ELA (Juniors Only)	March 11 - March 15, 2024
NJSLA - Math, ELA, Science	Testing Window: April 29 - May 24, 2024
AP Exams	May 6 - May 17, 2024 (based on AP course)

For more details, follow this link to our [Assessment Schedule](#) on the district website



NJSLA Results

Year to Year Comparison

English Language Arts/Literacy



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level Test</i>	2018	2019	2022	2023
ELA 7 (% ≥ Level 4)	84%	80% (NJ - 63%)	77% (NJ - 52%)	80% (NJ - 56%)
ELA 8 (% ≥ Level 4)	78%	80% (NJ - 63%)	73% (NJ - 51%)	75% (NJ - 55%)
ELA 9 (% ≥ Level 4)	80%	79% (NJ - 55%)	74% (NJ - 49%)	76% (NJ - 52%)
ELA 10 (% ≥ Level 4)	50%	80% (NJ - 59%)	*n/a	*n/a
ELA 11 (% ≥ Level 4)	22%	*n/a	*n/a	*n/a

*There was no state testing 2020 or 2021. In 2022, the state began requiring NJSLA testing up to grade 9.



NJSLA Results

Year to Year Comparison

Mathematics



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level or Subject</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>2019</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>
Math 7 (% ≥ Level 4)	62%	60% (NJ - 42%)	51% (NJ - 34%)	57% (NJ - 34%)
Math 8 (% ≥ Level 4)	51%	57% (NJ - 29%)	17% (NJ - 15%)	27% (NJ - 18%)
Algebra I (% ≥ Level 4)	70%	70% (NJ - 43%)	53% (NJ - 35%)	56% (NJ - 35%)
Geometry (% ≥ Level 4)	44%	57% (NJ - 31%)	*74% (NJ - 44%)	*83% (NJ - 51%)
Algebra II (% ≥ Level 4)	32%	*92% (NJ - 56%)	Not Reported	Not Reported

*In 2019, only grades 7-10 took the NJSLA. In 2022, the state began requiring only grades 7-9.



NJSLA Results

Year to Year Comparison

Science



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

<i>Grade Level Test</i>	2019	2022	2023
Science 8 (% \geq Level 3)	34% (NJ - 20%)	18% (NJ - 16%)	29% (NJ - 19%)
Science 11 (% \geq Level 3)	41% (NJ - 27%)	41% (NJ - 29%)	44% (NJ - 30%)



¹NJGPA Results

Year to Year Comparison

ELA and Mathematics



<i>Subject</i>	<i>²Class of 2023</i>	<i>³Class of 2024</i>
English Language Arts	64% (NJ - 39%)	92% (NJ - 81%)
Math	77% (NJ - 50%)	77% (NJ - 55%)

¹NJGPA is administered to 11th grade students ONLY.

²The state waived the graduation requirement for the Class of 2023.

³The Class of 2024 is the first class for which the NJGPA served as a graduation requirement.

Other pathways to graduation are explained on the [NJDOE website](#).



SAT Results

Reading/Writing and Mathematics



Classes of/ Subject	2019	2020	2021	2022	¹ 2023
# of test takers	247	230	171	189	192
Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	579 (NJ - 544)	552 (NJ - 541)	579 (NJ - 562)	580 (NJ - 543)	578 (NJ - TBA)
Mathematics	588 (NJ - 545)	558 (NJ - 540)	578 (NJ - 563)	578 (NJ - 536)	570 (NJ - TBA)
ERW + Mathematics	1168 (NJ - 1090)	1110 (NJ - 1081)	1157 (NJ - 1125)	1158 (NJ - 1079)	1148 (NJ - TBA)

¹Scores represent WE students in the Class of 2023 who took the SAT at any time during their HS years. For students who took the exam more than once, only their most recent score was used.



Advanced Placement Results Year to Year Comparison

<i>Total Students Summary</i>	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Total AP enrollment	714	679	810	824	809
# of AP Exams taken	720	675	803	827	807
% of Students who took the exam	100%	99%	97%	99%	99%
# of Students enrolled in 1 or more AP courses	286	284	306	293	334
% of Total AP Students with Scores of ≥ 3	83%	89%	77%	81%	81%
Average AP Exam Score	3.4	3.6	3.0	3.4	3.4

Media Rankings





West Essex Ranking

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District's Overall Ranking in NJ

- **2023 - #14 (SY2021)**
- **2022 - #14 (SY1920)**
- **2021 - #22 (SY1819)**
- **2020 - #41 (SY1718)**

Methodology for Overall Ranking

- **Academics (50%)** - state testing, SAT/ACT scores, AP enrollment/passing rate, graduation rate, student-teacher ratios, surveys from students and parents...
- **Teachers (15%)** - absenteeism, tenure, salaries, student-teacher ratio, surveys...
- **Culture & Diversity (10%)** - including race, gender, and economically disadvantaged, surveys...
- **Health & Safety (5%)** - student absenteeism, cost per student, suspensions, surveys...
- **Resources/Facilities (5%)** - cost per student, student-counselor ratio, student-teacher ratio, surveys
- **Clubs & Activities (2.5%)** - cost per student, student-teacher ratio, sports, surveys...
- **Sports (2.5%)** - enrollment, # of sports offered, participation, championships, surveys...
- **Overall Feedback (10%)** - surveys from parents and students on their overall experience



West Essex Ranking

U.S. News & World Report



Ranking of "Best High Schools" in New Jersey

- **2023 - #54 (SY2021)**
- **2021 - #63 (SY1819)**
- **2020 - #73 (SY1718)**
- **2019 - #149 (SY1617)**

Methodology for Ranking

- **State Assessments (40%)**
- **College Readiness (30%)**
- **Graduation Rates (10%)**
- **College Curriculum Breadth (10%)**
- **Underserved Student Performance (10%)**



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academic programs.**