

PENNS GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

"Building a School Community of Leaders and Achievers"

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Due to the state's cancellation of the Spring 2021 administration of the NJSLA English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science assessments, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has required that all districts administer the Start Strong Assessments in the fall of the 2021-2022 school year, during the testing window of September 13, 2021 through October 22, 2021.

The Start Strong Assessments are intentionally brief (60 minutes per subject), designed to maximize instructional time and quickly provide critical data to teachers. These assessments are based on the prior-year academic standards and will be administered in the following grades/courses for the high school:

- ELA: Grades 9 & 10
- Mathematics: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
- Science: Grades 9 & 12

The Start Strong Assessments utilize three performance levels (Strong Support May Be Needed, Some Support May Be Needed, Less Support May Be Needed) to aid educators and families in making decisions about the types of support that students may need. Start Strong is one assessment point among multiple data measures that will be used to determine additional academic support for students.

Attached you will find the complete Start Strong Assessment calendar, which indicates the exact dates your child will take the assessments. Additional information regarding the Start Strong Assessments can be found by visiting <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/resources/educator-resources/startStrong/Fall%202021%20Administration%20Information%20for%20Parents.pdf>

Fall 2021 Start Strong Testing Schedule

* All tests will be taken during class periods with the exception of Grade 12 Science and certain students with accommodations

* Grade 12 Science will be tested during English classes

*Students with accommodations will have separate test sessions

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Testing Schedule				
Monday 9/27/21 A Day	Tuesday 9/28/21 B Day	Wednesday 9/29/21 A Day	Thursday 9/30/21 B Day	Friday 10/1/21 A Day
		ELA9 ELA10 Sci Grade12	ELA9 ELA10 Sci Grade12	Geometry Algebra 1
Monday 10/4/21 B Day	Tuesday 10/5/21 A Day	Wednesday 10/6/21 B Day	Thursday 10/7/21 A Day	Friday 10/8/21 B Day
Geometry Algebra 1	Algebra 2 Sci Grade 9	Algebra 2 Sci Grade 9	Makeups	
Monday 10/11/21 A Day	Tuesday 10/12/21 B Day	Wednesday 10/13/2021 A Day	Thursday 10/14/21 B Day	Friday 10/15/21 A Day
NO SCHOOL Columbus Day	Makeups	PSAT 8/9 PSAT PSAT/NMSQT SAT School Day		
NOTES TO REMEMBER About Start				
<u>Strong Testing:</u>				
Each subject has only one unit of testing				
Each unit will only take 45-60 minutes to complete				
Students can take a maximum of 2 units per day				

If you have any questions, please contact your child's guidance counselor, or Mrs. C. DiGravio at 299-6300 Ext. 3215 and cdigravio@pgcpschools.org.

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