



From the Superintendent:

Welcome back Eastampton families! We spent the summer months preparing for your return. As we navigate the early days of the fall marking period, we ask that you continue to check our website for updates. We apologize for the bus delays for our families who have students taking the bus. This is a statewide problem that impacts all seven of our bus routes. Please allow our drivers an additional 15 minutes in the morning and an additional 20 minutes for drop off at the end of the day. We hope this issue will be resolved by mid-year as we continue to work with GST Bus Company. We will communicate the most up-to-date information via the bulletin and our website.

Please join us for [Back to School Night](#) tonight, Tuesday, September 14, 2021. My letter that was sent out last week detailing the evening is attached. For grades 6-8, schedules will be sent home with your child today. All parents are asked to follow the schedule at Back-to-School Night for Tuesday beginning with Period 1. Remember, this is not the time for parent teacher conferences.

Also, please check out our [FAQ's](#) which will be updated regularly.

The first year of ECS preschool is off to a great start. Just look at these smiling faces!



Office of Curriculum:

Welcome back to a new school year! We have a lot going on in the Curriculum Department. Students in Grades 1-3 will be taking the MAP assessment in their classrooms next week. Students in Grades 4-8 will be taking the NJ Start Strong assessment during the week of October 4. Students will take both the ELA and Mathematics portion of the tests. Grade 6 students will also be taking the Science portion of the NJ Start Strong assessment.

More information will be emailed to parents and will also be on our website. Students do not need to do anything special to prepare for these tests. To help your child be best prepared make sure they have a good night's sleep and eat breakfast in the morning.

Lastly, when talking to your children about the tests, remember that we don't want to cause them undue stress or anxiety. Too often students perceive that these tests are something we do "to" them instead of something we do "for" them. As a teacher, I used to tell my classes that these tests helped me to know the best way to teach each of my students.

Notes from the Nurse's Office

As we head into the new school year, the Nurse's Office would like to share with you some updates and key points. COVID-19 is currently prevalent enough in NJ that we still need to follow a number of precautionary measures. While no one strategy is 100% (masks, distancing, screening, testing, vaccination, etc), they all work together as layered prevention that minimizes the risk of an outbreak, and therefore helps to keep our school open. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation along this journey.

Under the guidance of the [Burlington County Department of Health](#), we operate based primarily on the following publicly available documents ([NJ COVID-19: Information for Schools](#)).

- [NJ Department of Health COVID-19 Public Health Recommendations for Local Health Departments for K-12 Schools \(Updated 8/31/21\)](#)
- [The Road Forward - NJDOE/NJDOH Health and Safety Guidance for the 2021-2022 School Year \(Updated 9/1/21\)](#)

The recent updates have been added to the [ECS Nurse's Office COVID-19 Information](#). While our summary is quite detailed, there are now so many variables that it is difficult to address every scenario. So this is provided to help you be informed, and also to help identify when you should notify or contact the Nurse's Office for further discussion. This information is also subject to change.

COVID-19 KEY POINTS

- **The [Daily Health Check-In](#) questions still apply.** You do not need to submit your answers, but should refer to them each day before school. The questions are meant to identify scenarios that require action or should be discussed. Please see the [Daily Health Check-In](#) webpage for additional discussion on:
 - What to do if your child is not feeling well.
 - What to do if someone else in the household is not feeling well.
 - "I think it's just allergies."
- **Regardless of vaccination status, any individual with COVID-19 like illness symptoms (as defined in the Daily Health Check-In) should remain home, and be tested.**
 - **Per NJDOH, in order to clear an individual with COVID-19 like illness, they should have a negative result from a molecular (PCR) lab test.** Rapid or home based tests should not be used to determine whether symptomatic individuals may return to school. An alternate diagnosis, without a COVID-19 PCR test result, is also not acceptable to return to school.
 - Remember that an ill individual's household members (like siblings), and possibly close contacts, should stay home and quarantine until the ill individual's test results are available.
- The [Burlington County Health Department](#) offers testing resources.
 - **[Burlington County COVID Testing Clinic](#) Weekdays. Located in Westampton. No appointment required. Age 5 and up. This is the PCR test.**
 - [Additional Burlington County COVID Testing Information](#)
- We are still not testing to reduce quarantine related to contact with a positive case (testing is only a snapshot in time). Testing is okay related to travel quarantine (where there is no known exposure to a positive case).
- Quarantine is currently not required for the following individuals. Instead they should monitor their health, wear a mask, and get tested.
 - Fully vaccinated - which is two weeks after completing vaccine dose(s).
 - Those who have proof of testing positive within 90 days prior to exposure or travel.
- All travelers are advised to follow appropriate guidance from the [CDC](#), [NJDOH](#), and all local health and safety protocols. Regarding domestic travel, the [CDC](#) currently states that unvaccinated individuals should quarantine for 10 days. With testing, quarantine may be reduced to 7 days. [NJ](#) defines domestic travel as lasting 24 hours or longer to states or US territories other than those connected to NJ, such as PA, NY, and DE.

Medications in School

Please refer to the nurse's website for reminders regarding [Medications in School](#). Medications in school need new signed doctor's orders each year. Medications should be in their original packaging with all labels, and should be dropped off to the Nurse's Office by an adult.

Caution regarding Food Allergies

Because breakfast and lunch are free for this school year, and in an effort to reduce students gathering in lines, Nutri-Serve will not be checking students out. Students will be able to grab their food and go straight to their tables. Unfortunately, this makes it harder to flag food allergies. Therefore, it is very important for everyone involved to be aware. Students with food allergies should be reminded to avoid the food, and encouraged to speak up (stop and ask cafeteria staff questions and/or request a nurse). Parents should reinforce food allergies and restrictions with their students. Parents should also communicate with the Nurse's Office, teachers, and cafeteria (especially if they feel their student is not able to self-advocate or follow restrictions).

Water Bottles

The water fountains in our building are currently closed, so all students should have a water bottle with them in school. Please plan to bring enough water for the full school day, and consider avoiding glass containers that can be dangerous if they break.

Eastampton Township School District



Ambrose F. Duckett, III
Superintendent/Principal

Patricia Austin
Interim Business Admin/Board Secretary

Back-to-School Night

September 14, 2021

Welcome to a new school year! We are happy to provide you with this opportunity to meet our staff and discuss classroom programs. Please remember this is not a time for individual conferencing. Parent/teacher conferences will be held in November.

To keep everyone safe, our Back to School Night will look different this year. Usually, we meet in the large cafetorium for general announcements and updates. This year, parents will go directly to their child's classroom (Preschool-5th grade) or 1st period (6th-8th grade).

Our PTA will have a table by the front entrance. Please stop by to show support for our PTA and find out about their programs.

As this night is for parents only, we respectfully request that you do not bring any children with you. Also, to limit the number of people in each class, we are asking that one parent attend and share the information. We understand there may be families with children in multiple grade levels which require both parents attending. Thank you for your cooperation. Please call the main office if you have any questions.

Preschool – Fifth Grade Schedule

6:00-6:13 pm – Visit Classrooms

6:15-6:28 pm – Visit Classrooms

6:30-6:43 pm – Visit Classrooms

Sixth – Eighth Grade Schedule

Class schedules will be available for parents in their child's 1st period class at 7:00 pm.

7:00-7:08 – 1 st Period	7:44-7:52 – 6 th Period
7:11-7:19 – 2 nd Period	7:55-8:03 – 7 th Period
7:22-7:30 – 3 rd Period	8:06-8:14 – 8 th Period
7:33-7:41 – 4 th Period	8:17-8:25 – 9 th Period

Sincerely,

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Superintendent/Principal

Eastampton Township Public Schools

Mrs. Linda Fulleylove
Supervisor of Curriculum



Mrs. Jennifer Greenewald
Curriculum Secretary

September 14, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year!

As we attempt to return to a new normal, the practice of administering different assessments will continue. It is vital that we compile data in order to best meet the needs of our students. Assessments will be weaved in throughout the year and will not take significant time away from valuable instruction. Next week, students in grades 1-3 will be taking the NWEA MAP test for ELA and Mathematics. Each of these grades will take this assessment at least once more this year, as we need two testing sessions to evaluate growth.

Students do not need to do anything to prepare for this assessment, as it will measure what they know and what they are ready to learn.

MAP Growth defined

MAP Growth is an interim, responsive, computer-based assessment for K–12 students. That's a really dense definition. Let's break it down.

- **Interim:** The test is taken up to three times a year, usually at the start of the school year, halfway through, and near the end. This lets teachers get clear snapshots of how students are doing often and early enough that they can adjust their lesson plans as needed.
- **Responsive:** Each question on MAP Growth is generated based on the question—and answer—that came right before it. If a student gets it right, the next one is harder. If they get it wrong, the next one's easier. Students can't ace the assessment, even if they're answering questions well beyond their grade level correctly. But what they get is even better than an A at the top of a test paper: they get an accurate measure of their zone of proximal development, or ZPD, the sweet spot for learning and growing.
- **Computer-based:** This just means kids take MAP Growth on a computer. Long gone are the days of filling in bubbles on a sheet of paper.
- **Assessment:** An assessment is a test. MAP Growth is a test, plain and simple. While students don't get a grade on it, they do get a score, which makes it possible to plot their growth over time, whether that's a single school year or several years in a row.

For more information please visit [MAP Parent Information](#)

Please contact the curriculum office if you have any questions or concerns.

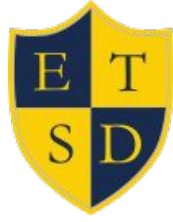
Sincerely,

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September 14, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! Last spring the NJ Department of Education notified school districts that in the fall of 2021, students in Grades 4-8 will be taking the NJ Start Strong Assessment in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in Grade 6 will be taking the Science portion of this assessment as well. For the past two school years, NJ students did not participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA), due to the impact of Covid-19.

The Start Strong assessment is intentionally brief, so as not to disrupt a great deal of instructional time. Test results will be immediately available for staff to review, allowing teachers the flexibility to address the unique needs of our students at the beginning of the school year. Individual student reports will be accessible for parents at the conclusion of the state testing window.

Fourth through eighth grade students at ECS will have a 45 to 60 minute assessment in English Language Arts and Mathematics during the week of October 4th. Sixth grade students will also be taking a Science assessment. Any make-ups that are needed will take place the following week. As with all other state testing, students who are allowed accommodations as per their IEP or 504 plan will have access to these same accommodations.

In addition, students in grades 3-8 will once again take the NJ Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in ELA and Mathematics. Right now we have a tentatively scheduled window of May 2-13, 2022.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment English Language Arts and Mathematics (NJSLA-ELA/Math) Programs

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics (NJSLA-ELA/Math) measures the extent to which students are, or on track to being college or career ready in each of the two respective areas. The test in English Language Arts assesses student proficiency in reading and comprehending a range of grade appropriate material independently. It also provides a measure of how effectively a student writes when using and/or analyzing sources. The test in Mathematics measures student competencies in the major and additional/supporting content in mathematics for grade or course, as well as student grade-appropriate mathematical reasoning and modeling skills.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessment-Science (NJSLA-Science) Program

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science (NJSLA-Science) replaced the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) for Science and the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT). This new assessment measures student proficiency in science according to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. These standards require schools to teach students to use science and engineering practices, to make sense of phenomena, and to design solutions to problems. The NJSLA-Science uses the same familiar testing platform that NJSLA-ELA/Math uses.

For more information please visit [Start Strong Parent Information](#).