



# AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning on Monday, May 2, Auten Road Intermediate School will be administering the State of New Jersey standardized assessment for fifth and sixth grade - NJSLA (New Jersey Student Learning Assessment). The NJSLA is computer based and aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. ARIS students will take the NJSLA in English-Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and Science (Grade 5 only).

## ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE

ELA and Math Assessments will take place on May 2 through May 6, for both fifth and sixth grade. Grade five will take additional science assessments on May 9 and 10. Testing on each day will run from approximately 9:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is well-rested and arrives to school promptly for testing; students cannot be admitted into a testing session once it has started.

In preparation for each testing day, please be sure to review the checklists and information on the next page with your child. Resources regarding NJSLA can be found at the [NJ Department of Education Website](#).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact our main office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher Carey  
Principal

## SUPPLIES FOR TESTING: May 2 - 6 & May 9 - 10 (Grade 5 Only)

**Fully Charged Chromebook (Student Responsibility).** The NJSLA assessments are entirely computer-based. Students will therefore complete the tasks online using their school-issued Chromebooks. It will be critical that each student comes to school prepared with his or her Chromebook fully charged and ready to go each day of testing.

**Computer Mouse (Strongly Recommended).** Although the student Chromebooks are equipped with a touch pad and touch screen, it is strongly recommended that students have a computer mouse with them in the event of a technical glitch involving the touch pad/touch screen.

**Wired Earbuds/Headphones (Student Responsibility).** Some of the literary elements on the NJSLA assessments may include video components. For this reason, students are required to have a set of **wired** (No bluetooth/wireless) earbuds or headphones that can function with their Chromebooks (NO Apple earbuds with lightning jack). All students should already have a personal set of earbuds/headphones for school as part of their regular set of school supplies given their work with Chromebooks in school as part of their normal routine. Please make certain that your child has functional, wired, earbuds for use in school during our testing week.

**Reading Material (Recommended).** Students who finish early and have logged-out of the test are only permitted to have access to a school-appropriate, recreational book to read while others in the room are still testing. No electronic devices are permitted to be in use by anyone in the classroom while testing is in session.

**Pencil & Paper (Provided).** All students will receive a pencil and scratch paper for use during the tests. Students may use a pencil and scratch paper for brainstorming, drafting, note taking, or calculations, but all final answers must be recorded online via the Chromebook.

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### DAILY REMINDERS DURING TESTING DATES

- Charge your chromebook each night before testing
  - Get lots of rest
  - Eat a healthy breakfast
  - Wear comfortable clothes
  - Be on time to school.
  - Stay positive and persevere!
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### CELL PHONES AND WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY

**Cell Phones.** This is a reminder that cell phones are not permitted in the testing environment. As students are required to do each day at ARIS, cell phones must be turned OFF and remain in a locker during the school day.

**Wearable Technology.** Wearable technology, such as smartwatches, are not allowed in the testing environment. These must be turned OFF and placed inside the student locker during testing.