



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child's Individual Student Report (ISR) for the New Jersey Start Strong assessment is now available in the [Genesis Parent Portal](#). There is one report for each content area in which your child tested. Available score reports include English Language Arts (ELA) for grades 4-9, Mathematics for grades 4-8, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and Science for grades 6, 9, and 12.

You may also access your child's scores securely via the [New Jersey Department of Education Parent Portal](#). To view the ISR's in the NJ Parent Portal, you must create an account. If you do not already have one, use the claim code provided on the ISR you will find in the Genesis Parent Portal.

The ISR's are meant to give you a sense of your child's understanding in the tested content areas. On the first page, you will see that your child was assigned a "support level" indicating how much support they may need this school year. The second page includes a description of the major concepts that were assessed, and the number of points your child earned for each one.

Designed to inform instruction by providing educators - as well as parents and caregivers - an early indication of the level of support students may need as they enter a new school year, the Start Strong assessments assessed students on prioritized standards *from the prior school year*. For example, a fifth grade Start Strong mathematics test focused on fourth grade New Jersey Student Learning Standards. This allows educators and families to better understand what educational supports students may need moving forward. While this is one measure of student performance, the Montgomery Township School District continues to consider and value multiple measures when making decisions about student progress towards standards.

The Start Strong assessments were given in October 2021, in place of the Spring 2021 NJSLA, as part of the approved flexibilities offered by the U.S. Department of Education. The spring NJSLA schedule will resume for the 2021-2022 school year, with students testing in Spring 2022. Details will follow later this winter.

Thank you for all you have done over the past year and a half in an ever evolving academic environment. Your support and encouragement inspire us to continue to make sure our students have the best opportunities to engage, learn, and succeed. We are proud to partner with you in your children's educational journey.

If you have further questions, you may contact your child's teacher or building assistant principal. Thank you!

Best,

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