

Dear Parents/Guardians,

South Amboy Public Schools will be administering the mandatory Start Strong assessment the week of October 3 – 7. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) notified districts that the New Jersey Start Strong will be administered as part of the overall Statewide assessment system. The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, designed to maximize instructional time and provide data to teachers and school leaders based on the prior year academic standards. Therefore, no special preparation for testing is necessary. This information was provided on our website.

- 2022 Fall Start Strong Testing Features

Subject	Grade level/Subject	# of Units	Unit length
English Language Arts	Grades 4 - 10	1	60 minutes
Mathematics	Grades 4 - 8	1	60 minutes
Mathematics	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	1	60 minutes
Science	Grades 6, 9, 12	1	60 minutes

Students in grades 7th who are enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II will take the subject-level Mathematics *Start Strong* exam.

- Each assessment will be administered in approximately 45-60 minutes in the classroom during the week of October 3-5, 2022. Start Strong includes the same accessibility features and accommodations as the NJSLA. If you have any questions regarding your child's testing accommodations, please contact your child's case manager or school counselor,

### ***TESTING SCHEDULE***

- **The New Jersey Start Strong Assessments** for grades six through ten will be on Monday, October 3 through Wednesday October 5, 2022
  - **Monday October 3, 2022**
    - **Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10**
      - Please bring your charged Chromebook to school each day.
      - Please be on time.
      - Please report to your homeroom upon arrival.
      - Please bring wired headphones for testing. We have headphones here for testing, however students often prefer to use their own.
    - **Students in grades 11 and 12**
      - Please do not arrive at school until 10:00 AM
      - You will not be able to visit your lockers until the end of period three.
      - Please enter only through the rear, auditorium, entrance; not the main entrance.

Juniors and Seniors will report to the auditorium.

○ **Tuesday October 4, 2022**

▪ **Students in grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11**

- Please bring your charged Chromebook to school each day.
- Please be on time.
- Please report to your homeroom upon arrival.
- Please bring wired headphones for testing. We have headphones here for testing, however students often prefer to use their own.

▪ **Students in Grade 12 or not in Algebra II**

- Please do not arrive at school until 10:00 AM
- You will not be able to visit your lockers until the end of period three.
- Please enter only through the rear, auditorium, entrance; not the main entrance.

Juniors and Seniors will report to the auditorium.

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○ **Wednesday October 5, 2022**

▪ **Students in grades 6, 9, and 12**

- Please bring your charged Chromebook to school each day.
- Please be on time.
- Please report to your homeroom upon arrival.
- Please bring wired headphones for testing. We have headphones here for testing; however students often prefer to use their own.

▪ **Students in grades 7, 8, 10, and 11**

- Please do not arrive at school until 10:00 AM
- You will not be able to visit your lockers until the end of period three.
- Please enter only through the rear, auditorium, entrance, not the main entrance.
  - 7th and 8th Graders will report to the cafeteria.
  - Sophomores and Juniors will report to the auditorium.

- **Chromebooks!** Students should bring them in fully charged every day. We will not provide loaner devices to the students, however if the device is malfunctioning, we will replace the device for the student.

Thank you

Dr Mario C Barbieri  
Interim Principal