



KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL



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Dear parents,

During the first few weeks in October, students in grades 4-8 will participate in the Start Strong assessments. Due to the impact of COVID-19, students in New Jersey did not participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) in the spring of 2021. The Start Strong assessments were created to satisfy the federal assessment requirements for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Start Strong assessments are intentionally brief, each assessment is between 45 and 60 minutes long, and have been implemented to provide schools the flexibility to address students' needs at the beginning of the school year. Upon completion, parents will receive a detailed student performance report. Test data will be used to guide instruction and identify curriculum areas of focus as a result of the pandemic. More information can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/>.

KTS Start Strong Assessment Schedule:

- Monday, October 4, 2021: Science – Grade 6 ONLY
- Tuesday, October 5, 2021: ELA (English/Language Arts) – Grades 4-8
- Wednesday, October 6, 2021: Math – Grades 4-8
- Thursday, October 7, 2021 – Thursday, October 14, 2021: Make-up testing, as needed.

Each day the tests will begin around 9:00AM. After the testing window closes, the students will follow the remainder of their daily schedule. We ask for your cooperation in making sure students are here on time and prepared with a fully charged Chromebook. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tim Loveland
Principal