

# SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Spring, students in Grades 5, 8, & 11 participated in the NJSLA-Science Exam. This is the first year that score reports were generated, and as such took longer than expected to be scored. The first year of scores is considered a baseline.

Your child's individual score report has been uploaded to Genesis for your review. Included below is information to help you understand the score reports.

- The grade 5 assessment contains items based on standards from grades 3 to 5.
- The grade 8 assessment contains items based on all middle school standards.
- The grade 11 assessment contains items based on all high school standards.

Students are given a scale score, which is a three digit number and corresponding proficiency. The proficiency levels range from Levels 1-4. Students who performed at Levels 3 & 4 have met grade level standards of Science content for their grade level. Levels 1 & 2 suggest that additional support is needed in meeting the standards. However, since the scores arrived so late, and are considered a baseline year, no intervention is necessary at this time.

Science content has been separated into three categories: Earth & Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science. In addition, there are three practices that measure student work in science: Investigating, Sensemaking, and Critiquing. For each category you will find an image that correlates to grade level expectations as illustrated below.



Once you have reviewed your child's score report, print a copy for your records. Note this assessment is currently administered in Grades 5, 8, & 11. The best measure of your child's performance with Science content will continue to be course assessments, assignments, projects and report cards.

If you have questions about the scores, please contact your child's current science teacher.

Sincerely,  
Suzanne Luck-Born  
Director of Student Assessment and Instructional Support