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### TESTING ACCOMODATIONS FOR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT STUDENTS

All limited English proficient (LEP) students must take the New Jersey statewide assessments. The only exception applies to LEP students who entered the United States, as well as a language assistance program, after July 1 of the academic year in which the assessment will be administered. These students do not have to take the LAL portion of NJASK or NJPASS tests but must take the math and science sections. The exemption from the LAL test does not apply to the HSPA.

Please note: Newly arrived Spanish-speaking students into U.S. schools and who are currently enrolled in a language assistance program on or after July 1, 2012, are no longer exempt from participating in the Language Arts Literacy section of the test. These students are expected to take the NJASK in either Spanish or English. Please see the guidelines located here:

[https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJASK/Presentations/2013\\_SPANISH\\_ELIGIBILITY\\_GUIDELINES\\_FOR\\_NJ\\_ASK.pdf](https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJASK/Presentations/2013_SPANISH_ELIGIBILITY_GUIDELINES_FOR_NJ_ASK.pdf) to make determinations regarding which students should take the Spanish NJASK.

LEP students who are currently enrolled in a language assistance program can be tested with one or more accommodations. These accommodations can include:

1. Additional time up to 150 percent of the administration times indicated;
2. Translation of the test directions only into the student's native language; and
3. Use of a bilingual translation dictionary.

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