Start Strong Fall 2021 Administration: Information for Parents



Office of Assessments

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Fall 2021 Start Strong: Overview

Brief



- The test can be given in a single class period (45–60 minutes).
- Administration setup and procedures are similar to traditional state assessments, with some exceptions.

Standards Aligned



 Aligned to a small set of standards from the year before to help educators understand the level of support students need at the beginning of the school year.

Given Across Content Areas

- English language arts (ELA) grades 4– 10;
- Mathematics grades
 4–8, Algebra I,
 Geometry, and
 Algebra II; and
- Science (6, 9 & 12).

Flexibly Given

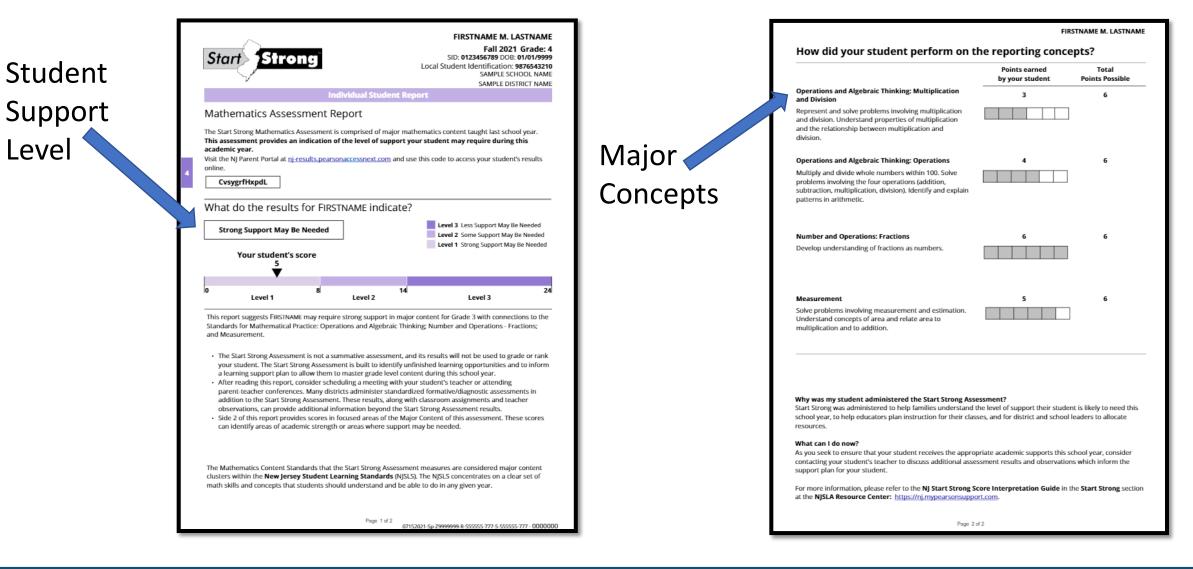


- Seamless online delivery through the assessment administration platform.
- Provides immediate results to educators.

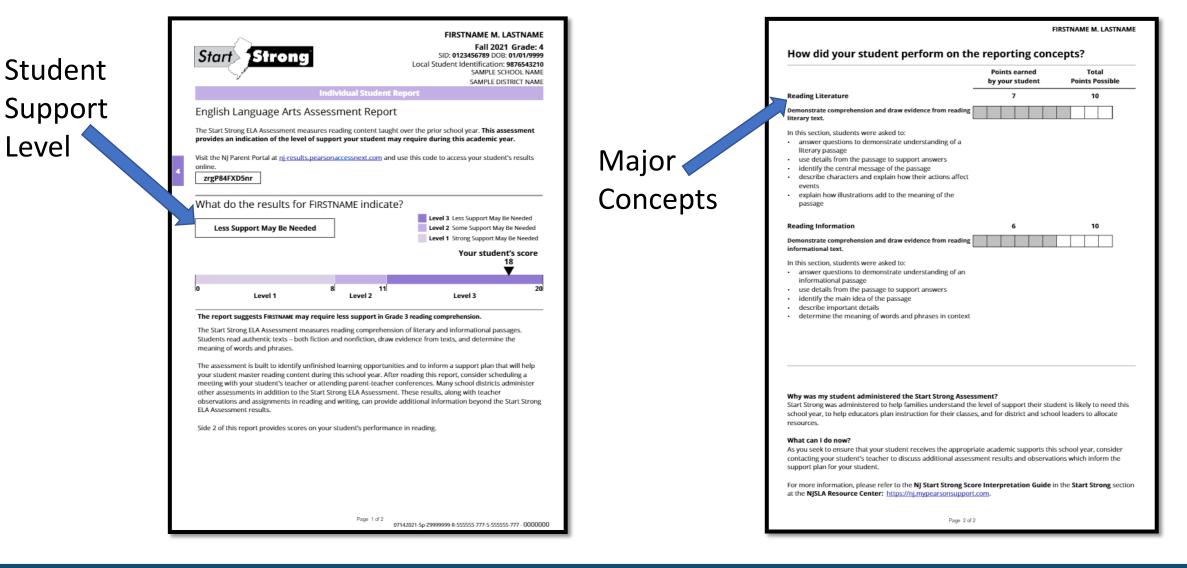
Individual Student Reports for Parents

- Parents will receive an Individual Student Report (ISR) for each content in which their child is tested during the Fall 2021 Start Strong Assessment.
- An ISR provides parents with:
 - A sense of their child's understanding in the tested content areas;
 - A description of the major concepts that were tested; and
 - A starting point for discussions with their child and teacher(s).
- Questions a parent might want to ask after reviewing the ISR include:
 - What additional supports are available to help my child during the school day and beyond regular school hours?
 - How will I know if my child is improving?

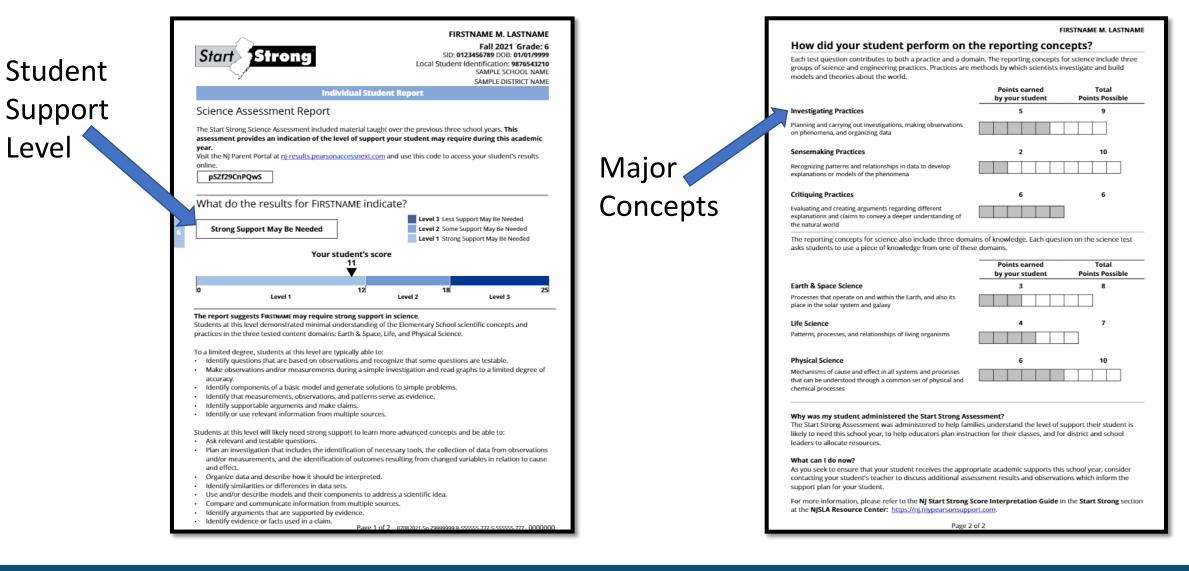
ISR for Mathematics



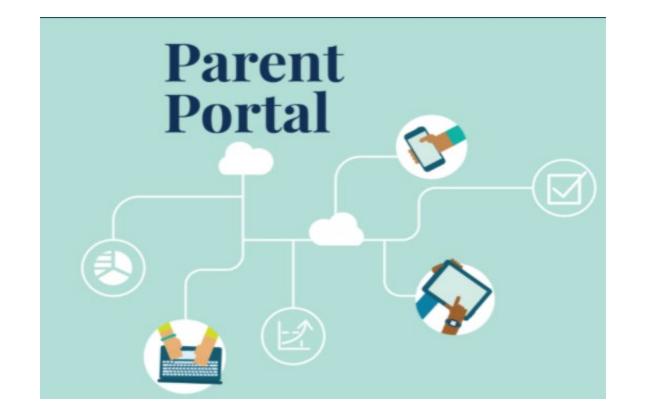
ISR for English Language Arts



ISR for Science



Parent Portal



Provides parents with:

- ✓ Online access to how their child performed on the Start Strong assessments.
- ✓ Translated videos in New Jersey's top five spoken languages:
 - 🗸 English
 - ✓ Spanish
 - ✓ Chinese
 - ✓ Portuguese
 - ✓ Arabic
- ✓ Access to additional assessment resources through the New Jersey Digital Item Library.

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