



Valley View Middle School

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Dear Valley View Families,

I am writing to provide you information about the 2021 Start Strong Individual Student Reports (ISRs), which were released by the state last week. Students in Grades 5-8 have reports in English language arts (ELA) and math. Students in Grade 6 also have a science report. A copy of your child's reports have been uploaded to our Genesis Parent Portal. The ISRs can be found in the Genesis Parent Portal under the "documents" tab.

The score reports also are available in the NJ [Parent Portal](http://nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com) at nj-results.pearsonaccessnext.com. To view the ISRs in the Pearson portal, parents must create an account, using the individually assigned claim code provided on the ISR.

The ISR is intended to give you a sense of your child's understanding in the tested content areas. On the first page, you will see that your child was assigned a "support level" indicating how much support they may need during the school year. The second page includes a description of the major concepts that were assessed and the number of points your child earned for each one.

By way of background, you will recall that students took this state-required standardized assessment in the fall. They were designed to assess students on a subset of priority standards from the prior school year. The assessment, which was much shorter and less comprehensive than the NJSLA, replaced last spring's NJSLA and was given only for 2021 as part of the approved flexibilities offered by the U.S Department of Education. The NJSLA will resume in Spring 2022. Thank you for all you have done over the past year and a half in an evolving academic environment. Your support is greatly appreciated.

If you have further questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

All my best,

Karin Kidd