



ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**February 2025**



# Early Childhood Lottery Registration

February 19 –  
March 21



Reserve an appointment today! [links.epsnj.org/ecregistration](https://links.epsnj.org/ecregistration)





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# Gifted & Talented Program Application

February 25 – April 4

G&T Information  
Session

February 25  
School 22

5:30p.m. – 6:30p.m.





# Panorama Family Survey

February 18 –  
April 16



# FAMILY SURVEY

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SURVEY BETWEEN

**FEBRUARY 18th**

THROUGH **APRIL 16th**

**WE WANT TO  
HEAR FROM YOU!**

FEEDBACK FROM OUR  
**FAMILIES**  
IS IMPORTANT!

**SURVEY IS LESS THAN  
5 MINUTES**

**SURVEY IS AVAILABLE  
IN MULTIPLE  
LANGUAGES**

**USE YOUR PHONE TO  
SCAN THE CODE  
TO ACCESS THE SURVEY**



<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/elizabeth/spring25family/surveys>





# Scholarship and FAFSA Nights

February – May

## SCHOLARSHIP & FAFSA COMPLETION NIGHTS

- NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?
- OUR COUNSELORS WILL BE
- AVAILABLE TO ASSIST WITH FILLING
- OUT SCHOLARSHIPS



**@ DWYER ACADEMY  
5:00PM-7:00PM**

February 26th  
March 6th  
March 25th  
April 16th  
April 30th  
May 14th

**For Scholarships:**  
Please create a GOING MERRY  
account prior to attending at  
[www.GoingMerry.com](http://www.GoingMerry.com)  
**For FAFSA:**  
Create FSA ID Prior to attending  
Must bring Laptop & Tax Documents

**FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
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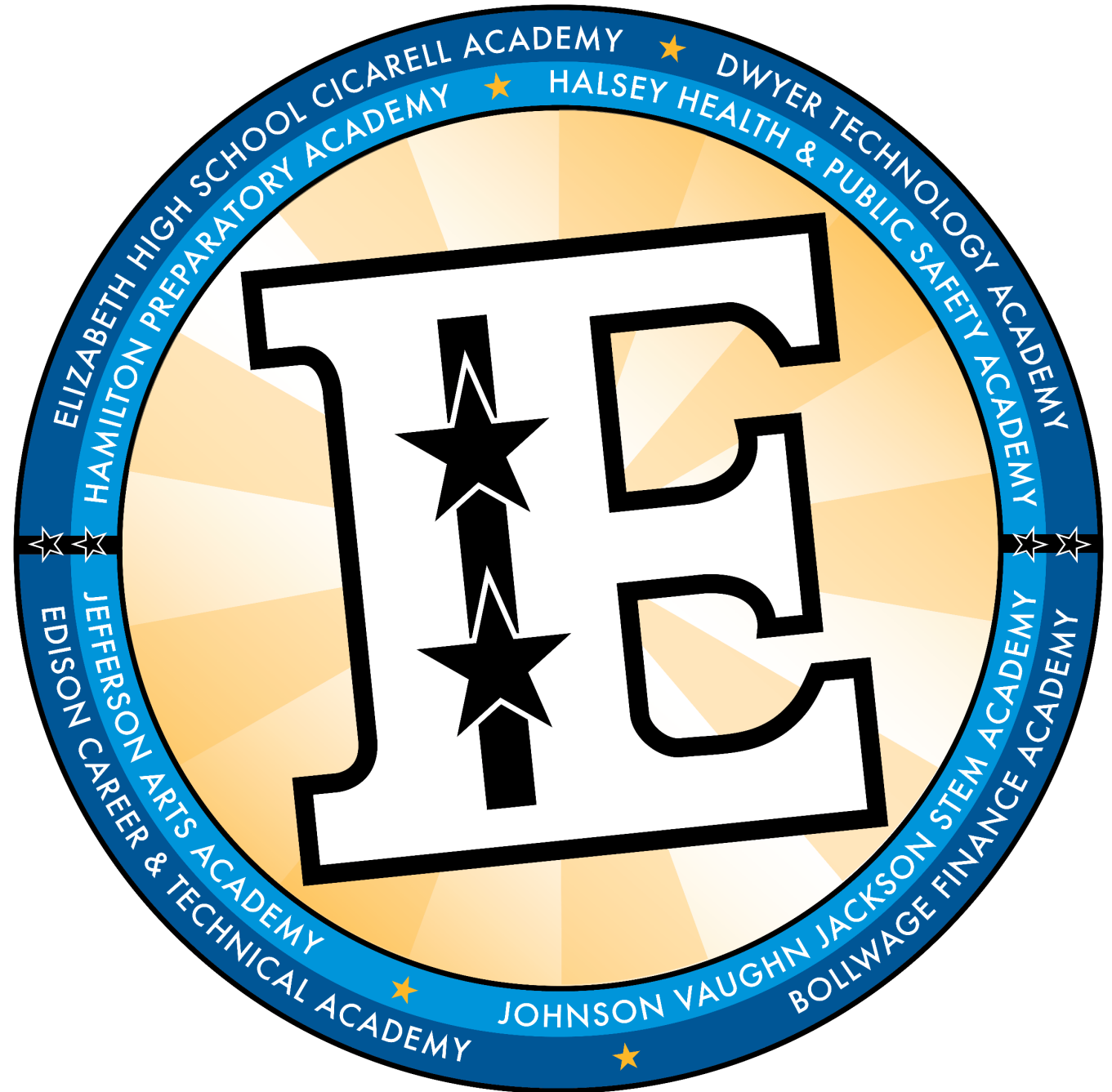


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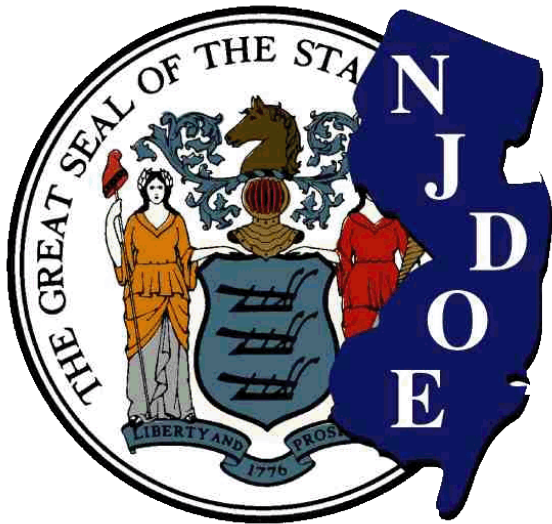
COMING SOON

# High School Selection 2025 Information Sessions





# Student Assessments Update



# Spring 2024

## Alternate ACCESS for ELLs

The ACCESS for ELLs® is an assessment administered to Multilingual Learners (MLs) to determine the level of English language that each student has acquired, and determine the best placement for each student moving forward.

- **Alternate ACCESS for ELLs** is administered to Multilingual Learners with significant cognitive disabilities.
- In the 2023-2024 school year, **85** students were assessed with the Alternate ACCESS for ELLs®.
- The scores became available later than the results of the ACCESS for ELLs because the Alternate test had been revised and improved and required more time to set the scoring standard.

Proficiency Level	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing	Overall Score
A1 – Initiating	24.7%	52.4%	41.2%	51.3%	43.0%
A2 – Exploring	12.9%	15.5%	17.6%	16.3%	22.8%
A3 – Developing	17.6%	11.9%	12.9%	18.8%	15.2%
P1 – Expanding	22.4%	10.7%	15.3%	5.0%	15.2%
P2 – Bridging	22.4%	9.5%	12.9%	8.8%	3.8%
Total Tested	85				



# Spring 2025 Assessment Updates

Assessment	Date(s)	Participants
ACCESS for ELLs and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	February 3 – March 31	All Multilingual Learners (MLs)
NJ Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA)	March 11 – March 14	11 <sup>th</sup> grade students and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students who have not yet taken the assessment for graduation
Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)	April 29	11 <sup>th</sup> grade students and 12 <sup>th</sup> grade students who have not yet taken the assessment for graduation
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM)	April 8 – May 28	Students in grades 3-8 and 11 in place of NJSLA
Advanced Placement (AP)	May 5 – May 16	High School students enrolled in AP courses
NJ Student Learning Assessment (NJ SLA) ELA, Math, Science	May 6 – May 23	Students in grades 3-8 and high school Specific dates per grade level are on the District Website



**News From Central**

Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

# THREE EPS SCHOOLS NAMED 2025 NEW JERSEY SCHOOL OF CHARACTER



Victor Mravlag School No. 21, William F. Halloran School No. 22, and Juan Pablo Duarte - José Julián Martí School No. 28 were among 22 schools to be designated as a 2025 New Jersey School of Character by Character.org. Each year, Character.org and its state affiliates select schools and districts that have developed and implemented an intentional, proactive, and comprehensive approach that embeds character into all aspects of school life. There were 98 state-level schools, five districts, and eight international schools, selected as schools and districts of character for 2025. Elizabeth Public Schools is home to twelve district schools that have been designated as state schools of character, nine of which received national school of character honors as well. Duarte –Martí School No. 28, with its 2025 designation, became the first district school to receive State School of Character honors three times. Victor Mravlag School No. 21 and William F. Halloran School No. 22 became the sixth and seventh district schools to have received State School of Character honors twice.



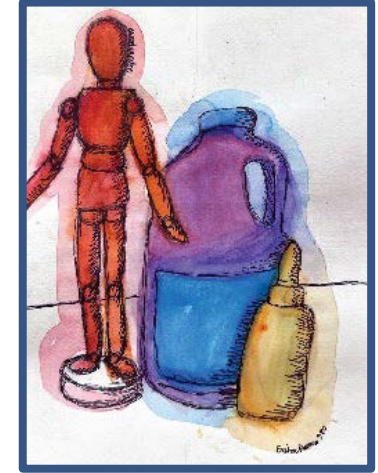
## THREE EPS STUDENTS SELECTED FOR YOUTH ART MONTH STATE EXHIBIT



**Daniel Sancho – School No. 4**



**Inaaya Shakeel – School No. 4**



**Erika Ramon– School No. 30**

Three Elizabeth Public Schools students from two district schools who entered the Union County Art Educators of New Jersey (AENJ) Youth Art Month exhibit were selected to represent Union County at the State Youth Art Month exhibit at the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ. Seven art pieces were selected for the state exhibit from more than 70 entries that were submitted by students from throughout Union County. Fourth grade student Daniel Sancho and fifth grade student Inaaya Shakeel of Joseph Battin School No. 4 and Erika Ramon of Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30 will have their work displayed at Grounds for Sculpture on March 29 from 11am to 1pm. Additionally, students have been invited to showcase their work at the Liberty Hall Museum's Union County Youth Art Month Exhibit which will be on display from February 25 to March 19 from 2-5 pm at Liberty Hall Museum in Union. Congratulations to our talented students and their art teachers Kristine Downey and Lily Claus from School No. 4 and Jana Ortiz from School No. 30 for this exciting honor.

2025



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in the month of *March*

March  
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Read Across America Day

March  
2-8

National School Social Worker Week

March  
3-7

National School Breakfast Week

March  
17

St. Patrick's Day

Whole  
Month

American Red Cross Month

Whole  
Month

Irish American Heritage Month

Whole  
Month

Music in Our Schools Month

Whole  
Month

National Nutrition Month

Whole  
Month

Gifted & Talented Students Month

Whole  
Month

Women's History Month

Whole  
Month

Social Workers Month

Whole  
Month

Youth Art Month



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