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## **NJ ASK 2013: A Parent's Guide**

Supporting Students towards Success on the NJ ASK

2013

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# Introduction

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- **About the Speakers**

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# Agenda ...

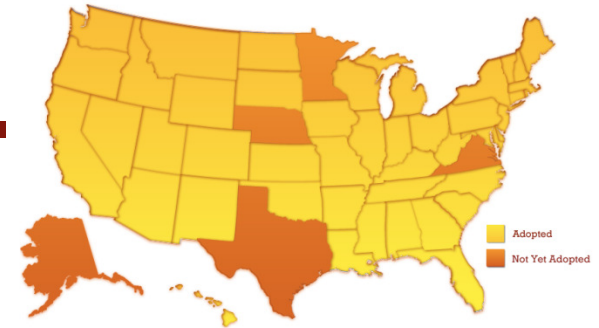
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- **Introduction**
- **What is the Common Core Standards Initiative?**
- **Understanding the 2013 NJ ASK**
- **NJ ASK Transition**
- **Surviving the NJ ASK: Before, During, and After**
- **Q&A**



# Implementation Timeline

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- **Beginning of the Standards**
  - ♦ 1<sup>st</sup> Math and Language Arts Literacy (LAL) guidelines- June 2010
- **Current alignment**
  - ♦ Guidelines now referred to as Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
  - ♦ 45 states and 3 territories have adopted CCSS
- **Future of the Standards**
  - ♦ Aligning CCSS and accountability systems
  - ♦ Two consortium options
    - ▶ **PARCC**
    - ▶ **Smarter Balanced**



# Understanding the NJ ASK

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- **Purpose**

- ♦ Measure the knowledge of core standards.

- **2013 Key Facts**

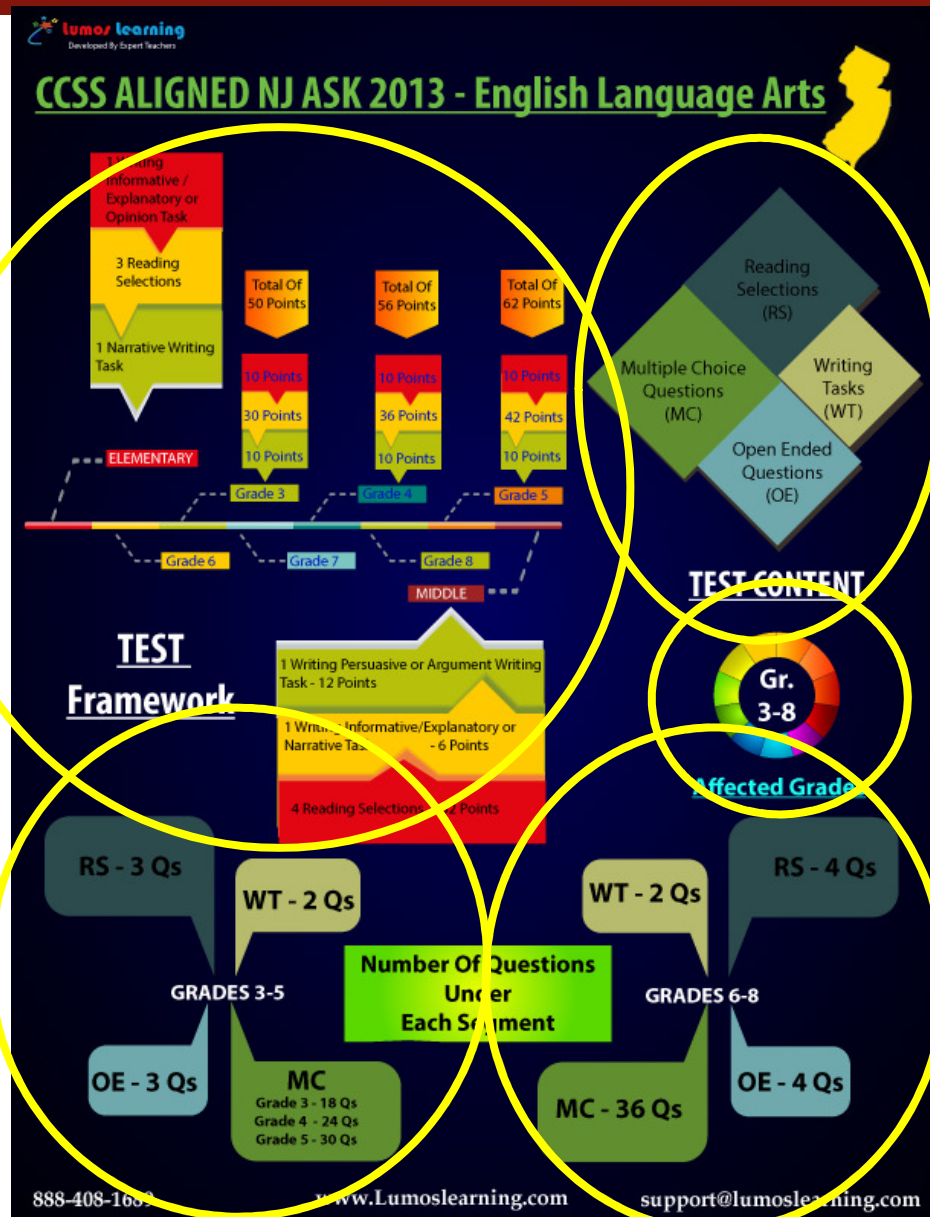
- ♦ Grades 3-5 – new CCSS in current format
- ♦ Grades 6-8 ELA – new CCSS in current format
- ♦ Grades 6-8 Math – current NJ CCCS in current format
- ♦ NJ ASK is considered transitional

- **Tests**

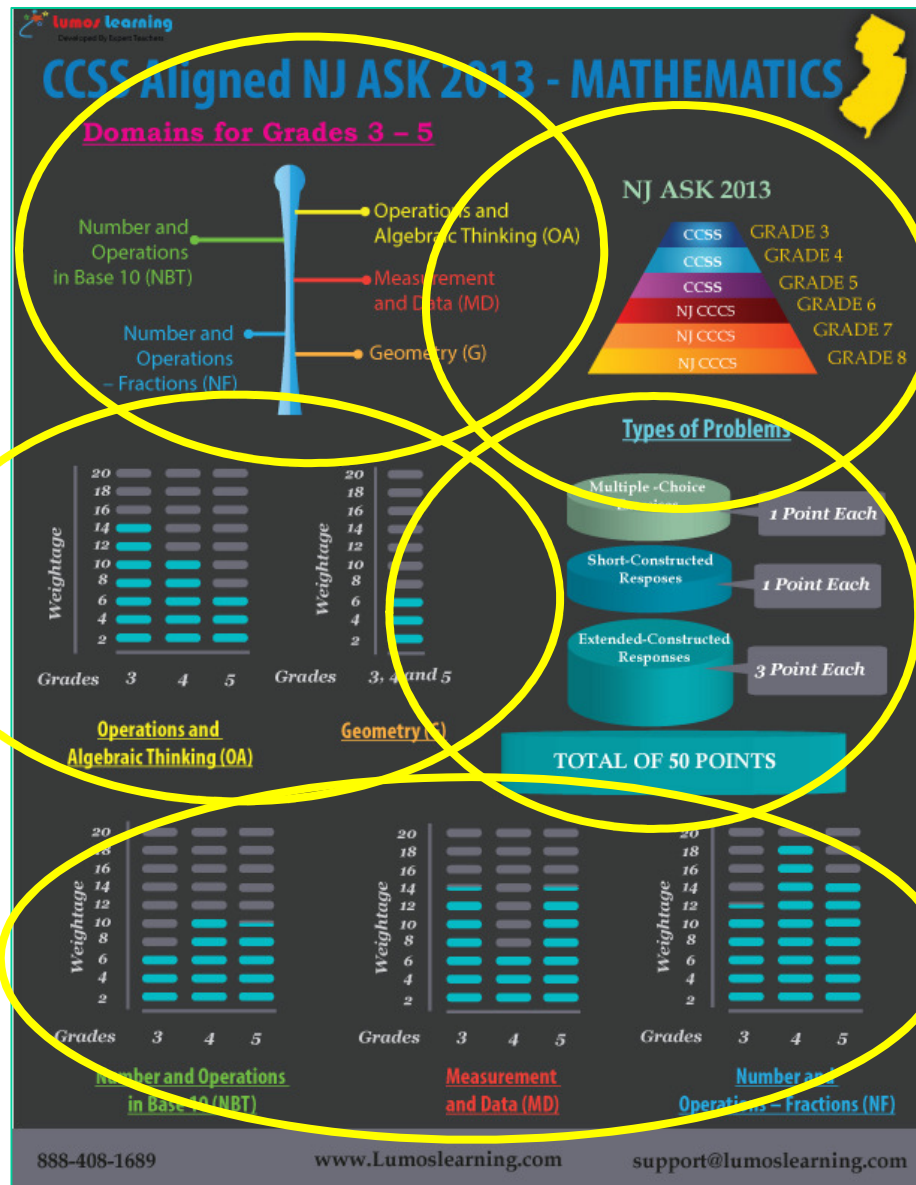
- ♦ Math – grades 3-8
- ♦ ELA – grades 3-8
- ♦ Science – grades 4 & 8



# NJ ASK 2013 Infographic – ELA



# NJ ASK 2013 Infographic - Mathematics



# What is the NJ ASK Transition?

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- **Purpose**

- 2013 NJ ASK will measure the new CCSS within the current format of the NJ ASK.
- They are considered “transitional” as the full range of CCSS will not be measured until new assessments are developed.
- New tests will be developed by PARCC and administered in 2015.







# Surviving the NJ ASK



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# Before the Test

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- **Understand the test**
  - ♦ When, Who, Duration and Format
- **Support academic work**
  - ♦ Encourage consistent success
- **Read, read, and read some more**
  - ♦ Promote literacy in your house
- **Practice similar assessments**
  - ♦ Build confidence and test taking skills
  - ♦ Identify strengths and weaknesses
  - ♦ Plan remedial activities
- **Take advantage of school resources**



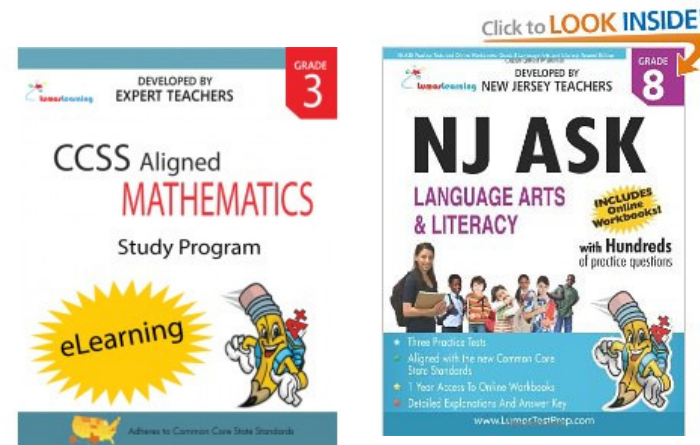
# Benefits of the Lumos Learning Programs

- Supplements and extends classroom learning
- Improves student achievement on the NJ ASK
  - ◆ Realistic Practice Tests
    - ▶ Detailed Answer Explanations
    - ▶ SCR/ECR/Open-ended/Multiple choice questions
  - ◆ Workbooks with hundreds of practice questions
  - ◆ Common Core Standards aligned

- Most Flexible Offering

- ◆ eLearning
- ◆ Books

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# Day of the Test

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- **Ensure plenty of rest**
- **Provide a healthy breakfast**
- **De-stress the morning**
- **Offer supplies**



# After the Test

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- **Allow them to relax**
- **Remind them school year is not over**
- **Let them discuss and question**



# Surviving Yourself

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- **Stay positive**
  - ◆ Children will mimic your opinion of the test
- **Remain calm**
  - ◆ Set the mood for a positive emotional climate.
- **Gain knowledge**
  - ◆ Understand the specifics



# Thank You!



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