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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New Jersey Department of Education, pursuant to State law and regulations, requires all students to take State assessments, as scheduled. In compliance with these requirements, students in grades 3-12 are scheduled to participate in standardized testing during this school year. Test administration and schedules are based on the grade your child is in and the courses he/she is taking.

Students in grades 3-12 will participate in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests, in the spring of 2018. Students participating in an ESL/Bilingual program will also participate in ACCESS testing, which provides additional information about students' level of English language acquisition. In some cases, students with individualized learning plans (IEPs) may participate in Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments. Students in grades 4 & 8 will also participate in New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) science assessments. High school students currently enrolled in Biology will participate in the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT).

These assessments will help to measure your child's academic progress with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and help determine whether he/she is on track to being college-and career-ready. New Jersey has had statewide tests for decades, and they have served as a small, but important part of assessing our students' annual progress.

Please see the chart on the next page for specific information regarding:

- The subject area of the assessment and grade levels covered by the assessment;
- The date or range of potential dates for the administration of the assessment;
- The time allotted for the student to take and complete the assessment;
- Any accommodations or accessibility options available to students;
- Information on how you and your child can access both sample questions and answers to the assessment and the student's results;
- Applicable State or federal government testing requirements

If you have any questions, please contact your child's building principal.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Marks
Acting Superintendent



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This is a reminder that a standardized assessment, PARCC, will be administered to your child as required by the New Jersey Department of Education. The assessment will be administered in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics as indicated in the table below.

Name of Test and Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Number of Testing Administrations in District:	Testing Mode:	Testing Time allotted per student	Testing Window	Results Available to Districts
PARCC Math	Grades 3 through 8 and Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II	1 (Grades 3-12 Spring Only)	Computer	4 hours	Spring: April 5 through April 26;	Spring: June 24
PARCC ELA		1 (Grades 3-12 Spring Only)	Computer	4 hours	Spring: April 5 through April 26;	Spring : June 24

The assessment is usually taken on the computer in designated areas in your child's school. Accommodations are available to those students needing them including paper and pencil and large print versions. Be sure to inquire about the options if your son/daughter has a medical issue that would not allow him/her to take the assessment on the computer.

The maximum testing time for each subject area is four hours. The maximum time to complete ELA is four hours and the maximum time to complete Mathematics is four hours. Testing is paced so students work no longer than 60 minutes per day on the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.

The testing window is a period in which districts administer the PARCC assessment; it is not the actual number of days it takes a student to test. School districts can choose which days within the testing windows that it wants to assess students. You will be notified by the school principal the exact testing dates of the assessment for your child. Please note that students in Grades 3-8 are tested only in the Spring. High School students have Fall and Spring testing windows.



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The district will send out reports to parents as soon as the test results become available.