



North Brunswick Township Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Beginning in late March, our students in grades 3-12 will be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), which is based on assessing a student's knowledge and understanding of the Common Core State Standards in English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics. During the first few years of PARCC, our staff and students were well prepared, and our technology worked exceptionally. Moreover, staff and parents/guardians received new reports on student performance that will help continue to drive our instructional practices at the classroom level.

Our building schedules have been planned to best meet the needs of the students, the master schedule, and the unit testing times as designated by Pearson. Each school developed a testing calendar that has been designed to provide the least amount of disruption to instructional time as possible; enclosed is each building's PARCC calendar, as well as the District's standardized testing schedule for Spring 2017.

On scheduled testing days, it is important that your child arrives to school on time. All children must begin testing at the same time; testing times are not flexible and children who arrive late will not be allowed to test that day and will have to be scheduled for a make-up session. If there is a delayed opening, or if school is closed due to inclement weather, testing will be rescheduled for the next day. Please do not send your child to school if he or she is ill, as make-up testing dates are available.

North Brunswick Township Public Schools have been committed to preparing our students with focused classroom instruction that make our courses of study more rigorous and aligned to the expectations of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Our objective continues to focus on preparing your child for college and career. Our dedicated [NJ Student Learning Standards and PARCC Parent Resource](#), found on the District's website, houses a plethora of resources. This includes links to the standards, PARCC practice and FAQs, to further educate parents/guardians on the District's focus on student achievement.

Schools will continue to review testing procedures in advance so students feel prepared and understand what to expect on testing days. We ask that you ensure that your child is rested, eats breakfast, and is relaxed. If your child wears a device such as glasses, hearing aids, etc., it is imperative he/she remembers to bring it and wear it during all testing sessions. **Additionally, components of the PARCC test may include audio clips and therefore, students are permitted, and encouraged, to bring their own earbuds/headphones.** Please note that a supplemental supply will be available in each school building for testing sessions. Encourage your child to do his/her best work possible, and we ask that you share the message that we are conveying in our schools, "do your best, but don't stress".

Please visit the District website which contains more information about standardized testing, and help partner with us as we continue to meet the students' needs for these new testing protocols.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Rumbo
Supervisor of Assessments and Grants

Spring 2017 PARCC Testing

Once again, there will be one testing window for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for the 2016-17 school year. **Please note that these assessments are required by the Federal and State Departments of Education.**

The NJDOE has set up the testing window for grades 3-High School to be held from March 27, 2017 - May 19, 2017 with schools having to select 30 consecutive days during which their testing will take place. Please be aware that the NJDOE permits students to complete testing units at any time during the designated window.

NBT Schools will administer the 2017 PARCC as per the following schedule:

Elementary

**no regular testing April 6 - 17 due to early closings and Spring Break*

Grade Level	Math	ELA
Grade 5	March 29 & 30 (2 units per day)	April 18 - 20 (1 unit per day) April 21 *Unit 4 Field Test PM
Grade 4	March 31 & April 3 (2 units per day)	April 21, 24 & 25 (1 unit per day) April 26 *Unit 4 Field Test PM
Grade 3	April 4 & 5 (2 units per day)	April 26 - 28 (1 unit per day) May 1 *Unit 4 Field Test PM

Middle School - updated January 6, 2017

**no regular testing April 6 - 17 due to early closings and Spring Break*

Grade Level	ELA	Math
Grade 6	March 29 & 30 (1 unit per day) March 31 (Unit 3 am & Unit 4 Field Test pm)	April 21 (2 units per day) April 24 (1 unit per day)
Grade 7	April 3 & 4 (1 unit per day) April 5 (Unit 3 am & Unit 4 Field Test pm)	April 25 (2 units per day) April 26 (1 unit per day)
Grade 8	April 18 - 19 (1 unit per day) April 20 (Unit 3 am & Unit 4 Field Test pm)	April 27 (2 units per day) April 28 (1 unit per day)

High School

**For 2017, all students, regardless of grade level, who are enrolled in either Alg I, Geo, or Alg II are required to participate in the related PARCC exam*

Grade Level	ELA	Math
Grade 9	March 27, 30 & April 20 (1 unit per day) April 24 *Unit 4 Field Test	March 31, April 5 & 6 (1 unit per day)
Grade 10	March 28, 31 & April 19 (1 unit per day) April 25 *Unit 4 Field Test	April 3, 4 & 6 (1 unit per day)
Grade 11	March 29, 30 & April 18 (1 unit per day) April 21 *Unit 4 Field Test	April 3 - 5 (1 unit per day)
Grade 12	April 18, 19, 20 & 21 (1 unit per day) *only if enrolled in English I, II, or III & need to take/retake PARCC ELA09, ELA10 or ELA11	April 4 - 6 (1 unit per day) *only seniors enrolled in an Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II course

NBTschools Spring State Assessment Schedule

New Jersey Mandated Assessments							
Assessment	Grade Levels	Subject Areas	Date(s)	Max. Testing Allotment per Session	Results Available (Subject to Update by the NJDOE)	Accommodations	State/ Federal Required
PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)	3 - High School	ELA & Math 4 ELA Units (incl. Field Test) - All Levels 4 Math Units - Elem 3 Math Units - MS & HS	March 27 - May 19, 2017	60-110 mins.	Aug	Per IEP/504	State & Federal
NJASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills & Knowledge)	4 & 8	Science	May 31, 2017	60-120 mins.	Aug	Per IEP/504	State
NJBCT (New Jersey Biology Competency Test)	9-12 students enrolled in a Biology course	Biology	May 31 - June 1, 2017	120-137 mins.	Aug	Per IEP/504	State

New Jersey Mandated Assessments - Alternative Assessments and Special Populations							
Assessment	Grade Levels	Subject Areas	Date Range	Max. Testing Allotment per Session	Results Available (Subject to Update)	Accommodations	State/ Federal Required
DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps - Alt for PARCC)	3 - High School	ELA & Math	April 3 - May 19, 2017	N/A	Aug-Sep	Per IEP/504	State & Federal
APA Alternate Proficiency Assessment (Alt for NJASK & NJBCT)	4 & 8 9-12 Biology Students	Science Biology - High School Only	Two collection periods per year	No direct testing; work samples only	Aug	Per IEP/504	State
WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	K-12 ESL Students Only	Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing	Feb 20 - March 20, 2017	120 mins.	Jun- Jul	Per IEP/504	State