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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope this communique finds you and your family doing well. Manasquan is a magical place and this community brings life to one of my favorite quotes by Samuel Clemens, “*Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful of your life.*” The wonders of the Manasquan community make it easy for this thought to be realized.

Now to the essence of the purpose of this communique. The New Jersey Department of Education mandates that every year by October 1 each school district must provide parents or guardians certain information on state assessments. This information can be found summarized in the table on the next page, but I would first like to take a moment to focus on why I believe the PARCC testing is relevant.

- First and foremost, PARCC is aligned to the state’s new academic standards that are guiding what and how your children are taught in class. In addition to providing an overall score in both subjects, the test also shows how well your child is performing in comparison to peers in his or her grade level, school and district, as well as useful information about your children’s strengths and areas for improvement.
- PARCC is not meant to provide a complete picture of student achievement, but when combined with other measures, including teacher reports and student grades, it provides important information about your child’s progress. Our staff utilizes this information as we plan for each year.
- The PARCC reports break down each subject tested into different categories of skills and show how well your child performed in each. This helps you and your child’s teacher understand where your child is doing well and where he or she needs more support. You can use this information to guide a discussion with your child’s teacher(s) about additional supports or challenges needed in class and other ways to support your child at home. Our teachers and principals use this information to improve classroom instruction and provide more effective and targeted support and professional development. We can also identify where your child has mastered content so we can provide more challenging work to continue to keep him or her engaged and making progress.
- These tests serve as an ‘academic checkup.’ Although they are only one measure of your child’s progress, the scores on the PARCC test can be compared from one year to the next. The test is a useful tool to determine your child’s performance and the level of progress and readiness for the next grade.

You will find a summary of the state assessments for the 2016-2017 school year on the following page. I have also included several pages from the Department of Education outlining the currently available graduation requirements and how they relate to these assessments.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in education,



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State Assessments 2016-2017

Assessment	Date/Time	Grades/Subjects Covered	Results Available
PARCC ELA Practice Tests: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/ *Testing Times: 3 Units @ 75-90 mins each	Fall Block Courses <i>(HS Only)</i> : 11/28/16-1/17/17 Spring Block Courses <i>(HS Only)</i> : 4/24/17/-6/5/17 Full Year Courses: 3/27/17-5/19/17	English Language Arts, Grades 4-11 Curriculum	Fall Block: June 2017 Spring Block & Full Year: September 2017
PARCC Mathematics Practice Tests: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math *Testing Times: 3-4 units @ 60-110 mins each	Fall Block Courses <i>(HS Only)</i> : 11/28/16-1/17/17 Spring Block Courses <i>(HS Only)</i> : 4/24/17/-6/5/17 Full Year Courses: 3/27/17-5/19/17	Mathematics Grades 4-8, Algebra 1, Algebra 2, & Geometry	Fall Block: June 2017 Spring Block & Full Year: September 2017
NJASK Science *Testing Times: 60-120 mins	5/31/17	Grades 4 & 8 Science	September 2017
NJBCT Science *Testing Times: 2 units @ 120-140 mins each	5/31/17 & 6/1/17	High School Biology	September 2017

** If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP or 504 plan parents/guardians should contact their case manager or appropriate guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.*

High School Graduation Requirements

Updated August 2016

On August 3, 2016, the State Board of Education approved updated state regulations for the high school graduation assessments requirements in both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics for the Classes of 2016 through 2021, and beyond.

Students graduating as members of the classes of 2016 through 2019 can meet graduation assessment requirements through a variety of ways, including:

- (1) Achieving passing scores on certain PARCC assessments;**
- (2) Achieving certain scores on alternative assessments such as the SAT, ACT, or Accuplacer; or**
- (3) The submission by the district of a student portfolio through the Department's portfolio appeals process. (Special Education students whose Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) specify an alternative way to demonstrate proficiencies will continue to follow the graduation requirements set forth in their IEPs.)**

The Class of 2020 can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency through the same alternative means as those in the Classes of 2016 through 2019, provided that students in the Class of 2020 take all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible, as of the effective date of when the amendments were adopted by the State Board of Education.

For the Class of 2021 and thereafter, students who have not demonstrated proficiency on the ELA 10 and Algebra 1 assessments, and have taken all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible, can demonstrate graduation assessment proficiency by meeting the criteria of the portfolio appeals process.

It is important to note there has always been a system for students to demonstrate and meet graduation requirements through an alternative assessment or pathway to graduation throughout New Jersey's forty-year history with a statewide assessment program.

In this document, you will find charts containing the list of assessment requirements in both ELA and mathematics for the high school graduation Classes of 2016 through 2021.

Class of 2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9 \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC ELA Grade 10 \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC ELA Grade 11 \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Critical Reading \geq 400

or

3/1/16 or later SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section \geq 450; or SAT Reading Test \geq 22

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading \geq 16

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer \geq 6

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL \geq 4

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading* \geq 40

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading** \geq 22 *or*

ACT Aspire Reading \geq 422

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31

or

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MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I \geq 750 (Level 4)

or

PARCC Geometry \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

PARCC Algebra II \geq 725 (Level 3)

or

Prior to 3/1/16 SAT Math \geq 400

or

3/1/16 or later SAT Math Section \geq 440;
or SAT Math Test \geq 22

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math \geq 16

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra \geq 76

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math* \geq 40

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math** \geq 22

or

ACT Aspire Math \geq 422

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite \geq 31

or

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Note: * PSAT taken prior to October 2015; **PSAT taken after October 2015. Effective immediately, students who took the redesigned SAT after March 1, 2016, may meet the state assessment graduation requirement by attaining a Math Section Score of 440 or a Math Test Score of 22 and an Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section Score of 450 or a Reading Test Score of 22.

Class of 2017, 2018 and 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

PARCC ELA Grade 9

or

PARCC ELA Grade 10

or

PARCC ELA Grade 11

or

SAT Reading

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

ACT Aspire Reading

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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MATHEMATICS

PARCC Algebra I

or

PARCC Geometry

or

PARCC Algebra II

or

SAT Math

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

ACT Aspire Math

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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Class of 2020

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 11

*If passing score not met on any of the three,
then the student can use the following*

SAT Reading

or

ACT Reading or ACT PLAN Reading

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer

or

Accuplacer WritePlacer ESL

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

PSAT10 Reading or PSAT/NMSQT Reading

or

ACT Aspire Reading

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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MATHEMATICS

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra I

and

(Must Take) PARCC Geometry

and

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra II

*If passing score not met on any of the three,
then the student can use the following*

SAT Math

or

ACT or ACT PLAN Math

or

Accuplacer Elementary Algebra

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

PSAT10 Math or PSAT/NMSQT Math

or

ACT Aspire Math

or

ASVAB-AFQT Composite

or

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Class of 2021 and Beyond

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 11

*If passing score not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10,
then the student can use the following*

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MATHEMATICS

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC Algebra I

and

(Must Take) PARCC Geometry

and

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra II

*If passing score not met on PARCC Algebra 1,
then the student can use the following*

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