



**- IMPORTANT READING -
Parent/Guardian Memo**

From: Brian Stiles, Chief Academic Officer

Date: September 28, 2016

Subject: **Notification of Standardized Assessment**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following you will find information regarding the administration of the state/federally mandated standardized assessments for the 2016-17 school year.

- **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment:** The PARCC is a commercially-developed standardized test that is required by the State of New Jersey and the federal government.
 - *Who takes the PARCC?* All students enrolled in grades 3 - 8.
 - *What Subjects are Tested?* English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.
 - *When is the PARCC Administered?* Between March 27, 2017 and May 19, 2017. Specific testing dates by grade level will be shared in January of 2017.
 - *How Much Time Does a Student Have to Take the PARCC?* Students take the assessment over a four to five day span. Depending on the section/subject of the PARCC student testing times range from 60 to 110 minutes per section. Make-up testing is scheduled for students who miss a portion of the PARCC after the initial testing has been completed for that grade level.
 - *Do Students Receive Any Accommodations?* If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP, parent/guardians should contact our special education coordinator for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.
 - *How Do Students and Parents Access Sample PARCC Questions and Answers?* Sample PARCC questions and answers are currently available at the following websites:
 - <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>
 - <http://understandthescore.org/>
 - *When Will Student Assessment Results Be Available:* We provide student test results to parents as soon as we receive them from PARCC. This is typically during late summer/early fall. This year, results were mailed home during the week of September 26th.

(Please See Reverse Side for Additional Standardized Testing Information)

- **New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK):** The NJ ASK is a commercially-developed standardized test that is required by the State of New Jersey.
- - *Who takes the NJ ASK?* All students enrolled in the 4th grade and 8th grade.
 - *What Subjects are Tested?* Science.
 - *When is the NJ ASK Administered?* May 31, 2017 with a make-up date of June 7, 2017.
 - *How Much Time Does a Student Have to Take the NJ ASK?* Students take the assessment on a single day. The assessment takes 60 minutes for 4th grade students and 120 minutes for 8th grade students.
 - *Do Students Receive Any Accommodations?* If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP, parent/guardians should contact our special education coordinator for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.
 - *How to Access Sample Questions and Answers:* An NJ ASK parent/teacher information booklet, produced by the New Jersey Department of Education will be sent home as soon as it is received by the school, sometime in early spring of 2017.
 - *When Will Student Assessment Results Be Available?:* We provide student test results to parents as soon as we receive them from NJ ASK. This is typically during late summer/early fall. This year, results will be mailed home during the week of October 3rd.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.