



- IMPORTANT MEMO -

To: All Parents/Guardians Grades 3 - 8
From: Brian Stiles, Chief Academic Officer
Date: March 24, 2017
Subject: State Testing: PARCC

As part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) all public schools in New Jersey are required to administer a state monitored exam in grades three, four, five, six, seven and eight. This exam is called the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC).

The PARCC will be broken down into two content areas that will assess English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics (Math). Following is the PARCC schedule for students in grades 3-8;

Grade Level	ELA Testing Dates	Math Testing Dates
Grade 3	April 3 - 4	April 5 - 7
Grade 4	April 25 - 26	April 27 - 28
Grade 5	May 15 - 16	May 16 - 18
Grade 6	March 27 - 29	March 29 - 30
Grade 7	May 1 - 3	May 4 - 5
Grade 8	May 8 - 10	May 10 - 11

Testing will begin promptly first thing in the morning. Parents, please be sure your child is present *and on time*, especially during their PARCC testing week. Although we provide make-up testing in a quiet place, not all students perform as well during make-up testing. ***So let's shoot for 100% attendance all testing days!***

Please encourage your child to eat a healthy, balanced meal each night and to get to bed early, especially during testing week. Again, this will ensure that students perform the very best they can on the assessment.

School breakfast will be served to all students, free of charge, on the mornings they are scheduled to take the PARCC.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and we look forward to reporting impressive PARCC results as soon as they are available.