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Re: PARCC testing – grades 3 – 6

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a consortium of states that worked together to develop common assessments to measure student achievement and preparedness for college and careers. The state of New Jersey adopted the PARCC assessments as its new statewide assessment tool. Students in grades 3-11 will be assessed annually in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. PARCC assessments are administered online and aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). PARCC assessments replace the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK).

PARCC testing consists of two testing components, the Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) administered in March and the End of Year Assessment (EOY), which will take place in May. Please review the testing schedule listed below to determine the dates your child (ren) will participate in the PARCC assessments. **All testing is scheduled to take place in the morning.** Students with Individualized Education Plans (IEP) or Section 504 Plans will be tested in accordance with their respective programs.

PARCC Assessment Schedule (subject to change based on weather emergencies)

Grades 3 & 4:	PARCC – PBA --- March 9th – 13th
Grades 5 & 6:	PARCC – PBA --- March 16th – 20th
Grades 3 & 4:	PARCC – EOY --- May 4th – 6th
Grade 5:	PARCC – EOY --- May 11th – 13th
Grade 6:	PARCC – EOY --- May 11th – 14th

For additional PARCC information please visit the websites listed below:

PARCC Frequently Asked Questions:

http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/PARCCFAQ_9-18-2013.pdf

NJDOE PARCC Information:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/parcc/>

Sincerely,

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