

February 28, 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In the coming months schools across New Jersey will administer the PARCC assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics for Grades 3-11. Our district's 2018 testing window is April 16 – May 25, 2018. PARCC provides a deeper level of information about student progress than previous tests which makes it a valuable tool to measure student performance. The assessment identifies areas where a student may need additional support as well as where he or she has mastered the content and can be challenged to go deeper into the subject matter. No single test can give a complete picture of achievement, but when combined with course grades and teacher reports, a clearer understanding of individual student progress is gained and performance can be monitored over time.

This year, New Jersey schools will administer a science assessment online. The NJSLA-Science assessment will be administered to students in grades 5, 8, and 11. Our district's testing window is May 9 – June 8, 2018. Specific information pertaining to your child's school and grade will be sent to you by the principal prior to PARCC and NJSLA-Science testing. The actual time and days for testing vary across grade levels and may reflect a shorter window than above.

The Toms River Regional School ensures a testing environment that follows all protocols and procedures and is not disruptive to the students taking the assessments. We are committed to student achievement and these assessments raise the bar for our students to ensure they are on the path to success. We are confident that with the quality instruction delivered by our dedicated educators and your support; our students can meet and exceed these expectations.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to visit our State-Mandated Testing FAQ webpage at <http://www.trschools.com/parents/statetesting>. Also, a full explanation of the testing graduation requirements by graduation year can be found on the NJDOE's website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment>.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to your child's education.

Sincerely,
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