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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In the 2014-15 school year, New Jersey transitioned from its former assessments to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in mathematics and English language arts. The PARCC assessments more accurately measure the higher-level skills developed under the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and provide parents and educators with meaningful information to improve teaching and learning. It provides better information for teachers and parents to identify where a student needs help, or is excelling, so they are able to enhance instruction to meet individual student needs.

The following information is attached in order for parents and students to have advanced time to schedule when this testing will approximately take place:

- The date or range of potential dates for the administration of the assessment;
- The time allotted for the student to take and complete the assessment;
- Any accommodations or accessibility options available to students;
- Information on how and when the student and his/her parent or guardian can access both sample questions and answers to the assessment and the student's results; and
- Whether the assessment is required by the State or federal government, or both.

Resources below provide helpful information for parents as their children and schools prepare for the fourth administration of PARCC in Spring 2018.

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/history.shtml>

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/>

<https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

If you have any questions about testing and/or scheduling please contact me at 973-398-4400.

Sincerely,

Jeff Grillo
Principal

Mt. Arlington Assessment Information to Parents and General Public, 2017-18

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Number of Testing Administrations in District:	Testing Mode:*	Time allotted per student **	Testing window***	Results Available to Districts****	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
PARCC	Math	3 through 8; Algebra I	1(Spring)	Computer	4 hours	Spring: April 5 through April 26;	Spring : June 24;	PARCC Website New Jersey Department of Education Parent Resources
	ELA	3 through 8	1(Spring)	Computer	4 hours	Spring: April 5 through April 26;	Spring : June 24	

* Testing mode refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two types of mode are computer and paper and pencil; some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to the inquire about the options if your son/daughter has a medical issue that would not allow him/her to take the assessment on the computer.

** 'Testing time' is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.

*** The testing window is period in which districts administer the PARCC assessment; it is not the actual number of days it takes a student to test. School districts can choose which days within the testing windows that it wants to assess students. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of

**** This column indicates when the reports will be available to the district. The district will send out reports to parents as soon as possible. Please contact the district for further information.