



Waterford Township Schools

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Dear WTSD Parents & Guardians,

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, all public schools must provide parents or guardians certain information on any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year.

For the 2016-17 school year, the district will take part in the state-mandated PARCC assessment for grades 3-6 in the subjects of English-Language Arts and Mathematics and the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) for grade 4 science. Both of these assessments are state mandated and are administered in the spring of 2017.

While these are state assessments, they are not the only determining factor of student achievement. I personally believe that every student is an individual and no student should ever be reduced to a score. However, the data that we collect has impact on everything from school funding to what programs and academics we, as a district, focus on for the following school year. Nobody enjoys a week of testing, but this is nothing new, as New Jersey public schools have been required to administer state assessments for decades.

The chart on the reverse provides additional information. Should you have additional questions regarding the assessments, schedule, or anything else, please contact our Supervisor of Instruction, Julie Lyons at jlyons@wtsd.org or at 856.767.8293 x 3017.

Yours In Education,

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Assessment Subject Area	Administration Date	Grades Covered	Graduation Requirement	Results Available
PARCC Assessment: English-Language Arts Mathematics Practice tests for ELA: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/ Practice tests for Math: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/	May 1, 2017 – May 19, 2017 (exact dates will be announced by school in January) 4 days of testing	3 4 5 6	n/a	Fall 2017
New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge: Science Sample questions at: https://goo.gl/OQwgvt	May 31, 2017 1 day of testing	4	n/a	Fall 2017