



# Clark Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) will once again be assessing students in grades three to eight in language arts literacy and mathematics through the computer-based Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments. This relatively new online testing system will also still be used with ninth through eleventh-grade students to assess their English skills and their Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 skills. Fifth, eighth, and eleventh-grade students will participate in the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S) through a new online system. These assessments will all measure student mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. The actual testing schedule/windows are listed below. Please note that each PARCC test consists of only one administration this year as opposed to the first year’s two. Students will not be testing throughout these entire PARCC testing windows. More specific school-based schedules are to follow.

### PARCC

ALJ	April 16, 2018 Through April 27, 2018
CHK	April 30, 2018 Through May 16, 2018
FKH	April 16, 2018 Through May 3, 2018
VRS	May 7, 2018 Through May 24, 2018

### NJSLA-S

Grade 11 ALJ	May 21, 2018 Through May 23, 2018
Grade 8 CHK	May 16, 2018 Through May 18, 2018
Grade 5 VRS	May 29, 2018 Through May 31, 2018
Grade 5 FKH	June 4, 2018 Through June 7, 2018

Kindly make certain that, as with any test, your children are well rested and nourished prior to taking these assessments. Students who are absent on a given testing day will be scheduled for the corresponding make-up session. Based on N.J.A.C. 6A:8-4.1 et seq., parents/guardians cannot “opt out” on behalf of their children when it comes to state-standardized tests. Furthermore, parents at the high school level run the risk of their children not receiving a state-endorsed diploma should their children not complete the assessments. In fact, the NJDOE will only allow students in the Class of 2020 to use alternative assessment scores to satisfy graduation requirements if they have valid PARCC scores and these alternative assessment scores will not be in place for the Class of 2021 and beyond. Please also know that, moving forward, the PARCC results will be used as a factor to determine student placement at the various grade levels due to the comparison data over numerous years that we will have.

I hope you find the information provided above to be helpful. If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact our Supervisor of Educational Initiatives, Mrs. Christine Casale Broski. Mrs. Broski serves as our District Test Coordinator and can be reached at [cbroski@clarkschools.org](mailto:cbroski@clarkschools.org) or 732-574-9600 ext. 3355.

Yours sincerely,  
  
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