



Clark Public Schools

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School

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April 12, 2018

Dear Students and Parents:

Carl H. Kumpf Middle School will administer the Partnership of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment to students in grades six through eight between April 30 and May 14. The assessments measure student achievement in the areas of Mathematics and Language Arts Literacy. Eighth grade students will also take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S) on May 16 and 17. This test is also a computer based assessment.

Students should arrive to school at the normal time and proceed directly to homeroom. Students who are testing will report to their testing location after homeroom. The testing schedule is attached. During the testing window, Kumpf School will follow an adjusted bell schedule. Between April 30 and May 11 (note: On May 14 and for the NJSLA-S we will follow the normal period schedule) students will follow the period schedule below:

Period 1
Period 2
Period 3
Period 5
Period 6
Period 7
Period 4
Period 8
Period 9

This schedule adjustment is being done so we can complete two testing sessions each day. If students are not testing, they will attend their regular classes following the adjusted period schedule. For sixth grade students, since lunch will be earlier, they are permitted to bring a "healthy" snack to have during their period 4 class.

For the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment, students must bring headphones with an audio jack. For the Math assessment, students are encouraged to use the calculator that is provided within the PARCC computer program. However, hand-held calculators will be available at the testing location for students to use if they prefer that option.

In addition, please be aware of the following:

- Do not schedule appointments during testing days
- Make-up tests will be administered as early as the next day following a student absence
- Mobile devices are **not** permitted in testing rooms. Students will sign the 'Mobile Device Contract' prior to testing (see attached)

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the main office or guidance department.

Sincerely,

Rick Delmonaco

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Principal

**NJPARCC 2018
Tentative Testing Schedule**

DATE	Test Area/Unit	Test Length	Test Time
April 30	Math 6 Unit 1	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
April 30	Math 6 Unit 2	80 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 1	Math 6 Unit 3	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 1	ELA 6 Unit 1	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 2	ELA 6 Unit 2	90 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 2	ELA 6 Unit 3	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 3	Math 7 Unit 1	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 3	Math 7 Unit 2	80 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 4	Math 7 Unit 3	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 4	ELA 7 Unit 1	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 7	ELA 7 Unit 2	90 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 7	ELA 7 Unit 3	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 8	Math 8 Unit 1	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 8	Math 8 Unit 2	80 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 9	Math 8 Unit 3	80 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 9	ELA 8 Unit 1	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 10	ELA 8 Unit 2	90 minutes	8:18-9:38 am
May 10	ELA 8 Unit 3	90 minutes	12:45-2:05 pm
May 11	Alg1/Geometry Unit 1	90 minutes	8:18-9:48 am
May 11	Alg1/Geometry Unit 2	90 minutes	12:45-2:15 pm
May 14	Alg1/Geometry Unit 3	90 minutes	8:18-9:48 am
May 14	PARCC Make-ups		PM
May 15	PARCC Make-ups		
May 16	PARCC Make-ups		
May 16	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	2/60 minute	8:18-10:18
May 17	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	2/60 minute	8:18-10:18
May 18	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	Make-up	
May 21	NJSLA-S (Grade 8)	Make-up	



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MOBILE DEVICE CONTRACT

According to provisions adopted by the New Jersey Department of Education and the Clark Board of Education, student use of cell phones or any electronic mobile device is strictly prohibited during standardized assessments. As per the policy of Carl H. Kumpf Middle School and District Policy 5516, and as stated in the Student Handbook possession of a cell phone or any electronic device during a PARCC testing session will result in disciplinary action:

Cell phones are never permitted in testing locations. Any student found in violation of this policy will have his/her test scores invalidated and will be disciplined accordingly. As is our usual policy, in the event of an emergency, parents are asked to contact the main office.

Disruptions resulting from possession of a mobile device, including ringers, notifications, and/or resistance to adhering to the policy as stated, in addition to use of a device to photograph and/or transmit PARCC test content, will result in school officials taking the following actions:

- Confiscating the mobile device**
- Enforcing appropriate disciplinary action**
Discipline typically results in a one-day suspension from school
- Submitting an Irregularity Report as required by the NJ Department of Education**

This may invalidate the scores of both the student who committed the infraction, as well as the other students present in the classroom.

I have hereby read and understand the policy regarding the possession and/or use of electronic mobile devices during standardized assessments, know the consequences of any such action, and agree to abide by the provisions as stated, in addition to taking necessary steps to prevent such an event from occurring.

Student Name (print): _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____



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February 23, 2018

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 or 732-574-9600 ext. 3355.

Yours sincerely,

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