



Carlstadt Public School

550 Washington Street ◊ Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Phone: 201-672-3000 ext. 3124 ◊ www.carlstadt.org

Allison Evans, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

September 29, 2016

Dear Parent or Guardian,

In accordance with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and the newly enacted Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, each state is required to assess all students according to its state adopted academic learning standards. In New Jersey, students are assessed based upon mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLs). The information below will help you learn more about state required assessments. In addition to this letter, you will receive notifications about each state assessment your student takes prior to the testing window. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Allison Evans

Director of Curriculum & Instruction

The table below outlines pertinent information regarding the state required assessments your child will take this school year.

State Required Assessment	Subject Area(s)	Grade Level(s)	Administration Dates	Results Available
PARCC	English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics	Grades 3-8	March 27, 2017-May 19, 2017 (A grade level specific schedule will be distributed prior to the start of the testing window)	Fall 2017
DLM	English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics	Grades 3-8 (if specified in IEP)	April 3, 2017 - May 19, 2017	Fall 2017
NJASK	Science	Grades 4 & 8	May 31, 2017 (Make-up: June 7, 2017)	Fall 2017
ACCESS for ELLs	Comprehension and Communication in English	All eligible ELL students	February 20 - April 14	Summer 2017



Carlstadt Public School

550 Washington Street ♦ Carlstadt, NJ 07072

Phone: 201-672-3000 ext. 3124 ♦ www.carlstadt.org

Allison Evans, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

To gain a better understanding of questions on each assessment, please visit the links listed below.

State Required Assessment	Sample Items and Practice Tests
PARCC	PARCC Sample Items: https://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/ PARCC Tutorials: https://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/ PARCC Practice Tests: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/
DLM	http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/releasedtestlets_im
NJASK	http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/es/sample/NJ06_G4Sci_sample.pdf
ACCESS for ELLs	https://www.wida.us/assessment/access/access_sample_items.pdf

To understand how your child will be scored, please visit the links below. Score reports will also be mailed home.

State Required Assessment	Scoring/Score Reports
PARCC	PARCC Score Results: http://www.parconline.org/assessments/score-results PARCC Understanding the Results: http://understandthescore.org/
DLM	http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/assessment-results
NJASK	http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/njask/results.shtml
ACCESS for ELLs	https://www.wida.us/assessment/access20.aspx#scoring

Various state assessment accommodations and accessibility options are available to students. Visit the links below regarding options available to students.

State Required Assessment	Accommodations and Accessibility Options
PARCC	http://www.parconline.org/assessments/accessibility
DLM	http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/content/accessibility
NJASK	http://www.nj.gov/education/specialed/accom900.htm
ACCESS for ELLs	https://www.wida.us/assessment/WIDA_AccessAccDescriptions.pdf