



Washington Township Schools

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Dear Parents:

The enclosed information is for your awareness of the NJ standardized testing requirements for the spring of 2018. The first tests are called the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) administration for 2018. PARCC provides us with helpful data about our students in the areas of English Language Arts (E/LA) and Mathematics. This data will become a piece of the puzzle that helps us to evaluate our programs and target your child's learning needs.

Students will take the PARCC test as follows:

- Grade 3 - April 16th- 20th;
- Grade 4 - April 23rd - 25th; April 30th & May 1st
- Grade 5 - May 2nd- 4th; & May 7th - 8th
- Grade 6 - April 16th- 20th; April 23rd
- Grade 7 - April 30th; May 1st - 4th; & May 7th
- Grade 8 - May 8th - 11th; & May 14th - 15th
- Make up testing may continue into the week of May 25th.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Grade 3 E/LA	75 minutes	75 minutes	75 minutes	N/A
Grade 3 Math	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Grades 4 & 5 E/LA	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes	N/A
Grades 4 & 5 Math	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes	60 minutes
Grades 6-8 E/LA	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes	N/A
Grades 6-8 Math	80 minutes	80 minutes	80 minutes	N/A
Algebra	90 minutes	90 minutes	90 minutes	N/A

Students in grades 5 & 8 will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S)

- Grade 5 - May 15th and May 16th
- Grade 8 - May 22nd and May 23rd
- Make up testing may continue into the week of May 25th

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Grade 5 Science	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
Grade 8 Science	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes

You may have heard about parents and students “opting out” of the scheduled assessments. In the State of New Jersey, there is no provision for a student to opt-out of statewide assessments. That being said, in the event a parent/guardian “**refuses**” to have his/her child participate in a statewide assessment, the district will respect this parental decision. In accordance with district policy and regulation (2622), you must submit your refusal prior to the scheduled testing date, include your child’s name and grade, as well as the specific name and date of the assessment in your letter. Should you choose to refuse, a refusal form is included with this letter should you choose to use it.

Please be aware that although we respect your parental right to refuse participation, the data that we receive from NJ standardized tests gives us helpful information about your child. It, along with other data, helps us to target your child’s specific learning needs. We use results, along with other data, to make instructional and programmatic decisions. In addition, results may be used, along with other data, in students class placement decisions and as criteria points for entrance into certain academic programs such as Accelerated Math and Talented and Gifted (TaG).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Notice of Assessment Refusal – Washington Township Schools

(complete one form for each child)

CHILD’S SCHOOL: (Check one):

- Benedict A. Cucinella
- Flocktown- Kossmann
- Old Farmers Road
- Long Valley Middle

CHILD’S GRADE: (Check one):

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> Grade 8 |

I/we, _____, refuse to allow my/our child, _____ to participate in the 2018 PARCC Assessment for E/LA and Math.

In addition, I/we refuse to allow our child to participate in other standardized tests:

- New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science (NJSLA-S) (grades 5 & 8)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Phone: () -

Parent email: _____

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
prior to the start of your child’s scheduled testing date**