



February 2017

Dear Parents:

Hello. I am writing to touch base regarding PARCC 2017. The district was pleased with how our students fared on the PARCC 2016 taken last Spring. PARCC provides us with helpful data about our students. This data will become a piece of the puzzle that helps us to evaluate our programs and target your child’s learning needs.

Our students will take the 2016-2017 PARCC test as follows:

- Grade 3 will test April 10<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>;
- Grade 4 will test April 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>; & May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Grade 5 will test May 2<sup>nd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>;
- Grade 6 will test April 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>;
- Grade 7 will test April 19<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>;
- Grade 8 will test April 28<sup>th</sup>-May 5<sup>th</sup>;
- Make up testing may continue into the week of May 19th.

	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Grade 3 E/LA	90 minutes	75 minutes	90 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	110 minutes	110 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

You have probably 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 their child participate in a statewide assessment, the district will respect this parental decision. Should you choose to refuse you must write a letter to the building principal explaining that you “refuse” to allow your child to participate. In accordance with district policy and regulation (2622), you must submit your refusal at least five days before 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. 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 PARCC gives us helpful information about your child. It, along with other data, helps us to target your child’s specific learning needs. We will be using PARCC results, along with other data, to make instructional and programmatic decisions. PARCC results may be used, along with other data, in placement decisions about your child 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 directly.

Yours truly,

Rick Papera, Assistant Superintendent



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## Notice of PARCC 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):

- Grade 3    Grade 4    Grade 5
- Grade 3    Grade 4    Grade 5
- Grade 3    Grade 4    Grade 5
- Grade 6    Grade 7    Grade 8

I/we, \_\_\_\_\_, refuse to allow my/our child, \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the 2017 PARCC Assessment.

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

- New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) - Science (grades 4 & 8)

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone: (     )     -     \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
at least 5 days prior to the start of your child’s scheduled testing date**