



# East Rutherford School District

*All Children Can Succeed*

September 28, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, the East Rutherford School District respectfully shares with you information pertaining to the assessment schedule for the 2017-18 school year. Please see below for the types of assessments that will be administered this school year, as well as details about each assessment's content, administration, duration, and available accommodations and/or accessibility options. In addition, we are providing you with information that will guide you to practice resources for each assessment, as well as their anticipated result release dates.

To satisfy both the state and federal testing requirements, the East Rutherford Schools will be administering the assessments designed by the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in the required areas of Math and English Language Arts for each of the noted grade levels. You will find a chart outlining the time frame and units for each subject/grade level listed below:

ASSESSMENT SUBJECT AREA	ADMINISTRATION DATE/TIME	GRADES COVERED	REQUIREMENT	RESULTS AVAILABLE
NWEA MAP Practice Test <a href="http://warmup.nwea.org/warmup_start_educators_mpg.html">http://warmup.nwea.org/warmup_start_educators_mpg.html</a>	<b>McKenzie</b> September 2017 December 2017 March 2018	K-2ND	District	November 2017 and June 2018
NJ Ask Science Practice Test <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/njask/">http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/njask/</a>	The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing a new science assessment. The assessment will be aligned with the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science.  Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available.			
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Feb. 19, 2018 - Mar. 19, 2018	K-8TH	District	June 2018
PARCC ELA Practice Test <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	<b>McKenzie</b> April 24, 2018 - May 17, 2018 <b>Faust</b> May 1, 2018 - May 11, 2018	3RD-8TH	Federal and State	September 2018
PARCC MATH Practice Test <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	<b>McKenzie</b> April 24, 2018 - May 17, 2018 <b>Faust</b> May 1, 2018 - May 11, 2018	3RD-8TH	Federal and State	September 2018
PARCC ALGEBRA 1 Practice Test <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	<b>Faust</b> May 1, 2018 - May 11, 2018	8TH	Federal and State	September 2018

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Note that PARCC testing is computer/device based and will take place at all grade levels between April 16, 2018 and May 25, 2018. Details pertaining to your child's school/grade level administration dates will be forthcoming from your building principal as the testing window approaches. Your child's PARCC results will be shared with you by mid-October of the next school year or within 30 days of the district's receipt of them.

To satisfy both the state and federal testing requirements, our district will also be administering a new science assessment at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing this new assessment that aligns to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science. Information regarding the assessment and testing dates will be provided when it becomes available.

The district will continue to ensure full compliance with all of the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) of its students throughout each assessment administration. All available modifications, accommodations and accessibility options will be provided as permitted by each assessment, including extended time and modified testing environments. If your child has an IEP, your child's case manager will be directly involved in assuring that all available modifications and accommodations are provided throughout the assessment administration process. Please utilize the links below to learn more about the available accommodations and modifications provided for each assessment:

#### PARCC

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/resources/PARCCAccomm.pdf>

The following resources can help you assist your child in preparing for the assessments he/she will be taking this school year by providing sample questions, practice tests, and study/preparation information:

#### PARCC

Sample questions and answers are available for English Language Arts at  
<https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-test/english>

Sample questions and answers are available for Mathematics at  
<https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/>

Please be mindful that the results of the PARCC assessments, serve primarily as *additional data* that will allow us to make instructional, curricular and professional development decisions that foster each student's growth and achievement.

We thank you in advance for your support of our assessment administration throughout the 2017-18 school year. Should you have any questions, require further assistance, or need more detailed information, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal, guidance counselor and or case manager where applicable, for individualized support.

Sincerely,

Giovanni A. Giancaspro  
Superintendent of Schools