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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pursuant to state code (*NJSA 18A:7C-6.6*) all school districts in New Jersey must provide information regarding state assessments or commercially-developed assessments that will be administered during the academic year. The Cherry Hill Public School District administers a wide variety of state mandated and commercially-developed assessments to the students. These standardized assessments are one piece of the educational measures that are used to evaluate student success. As a district we believe that that our students' classroom experiences, interacting with their teachers on a daily basis, and their subsequent performance on teacher and district developed assessments provide a clear and well-rounded picture of students' achievement.

Some important highlights and changes to this year's assessments:

- The graduating classes of 2017–2019 (current 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students) may meet New Jersey graduation requirements in a variety of ways: 1. demonstrating proficiency on the PARCC assessment, 2. achieving a specific minimum score on an alternative assessment (Accuplacer, ASVAB, PSAT, SAT), or 3. through the portfolio appeal process.
- The graduating class of 2020 (current 9<sup>th</sup> grade students) must take all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible in order to have the same alternative assessments available as the classes of 2017-2019 to fulfill the New Jersey graduation assessment requirement.
- The graduating class of 2021 (current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) must sit for all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible as well as demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra 1 mathematics and English Language 10 PARCC assessments in order to fulfill the New Jersey graduation assessment requirement.

Please see the enclosed chart of state and commercially-developed assessments that shall be administered to students during the 2016-2017 academic year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

**Chart of State and Commercially-Developed Assessments**  
**Cherry Hill 2016-2017**

Assessment	Administration Date/Time	Grades Covered	Requirement	Results Available
PARCC ELA/ MATH GRADES 3,4,5 Practice Tests: <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>  <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	March 27 – May 19, 2017  ELA total time Grade 3 4.25 hours Grades 4&5 4.5 hours  Math total time 4 hours	English /Language Arts Literacy and Math Grades 3, 4 & 5	Participation per Federal Regulation	September 2017
PARCC ELA/MATH GRADES 6,7,8 <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>  <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	March 27 – May 19, 2017  ELA total time 5 hours and 10 minutes  Math total time 4.5 hours	English/ Language Arts Literacy and Math Grades 6, 7 & 8	Participation per Federal Regulation	September 2017
PARCC ELA GRADES 9-11 <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/</a>	March 27 – May 19, 2017  ELA total time 5 hours and 10 minutes	English/ Language Arts Literacy Grades 9- 11	Class of 2017- 2019-- Passing score meets graduation requirement Class of 2020 and beyond-- graduation requirement	September 2017
PARCC ALGEBRA I ALGEBRA II GEOMETRY <a href="https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/">https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/</a>	March 27 – May 19, 2017  Math total time 4.5 hours	Content specific math - includes students in grades 7,8,9,10,11, 12	Class of 2017- 2019-- Passing score meets graduation requirement Class of 2020 and beyond-- Graduation requirement	September 2017
NJASK SCIENCE GRADES 4 and 8 <a href="http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/njask/">http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/njask/</a>	May 31, 2017 Make-up date: June 7, 2017  Grade 4 60 minutes Grade 8 120 minutes	Science grades 4 and 8	Participation per Federal Regulation	September 2017

NJBCT HS Biology students <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/hs/njbct.shtml">http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/hs/njbct.shtml</a>	May 31, 2017-June 7, 2017 Make-up date: June 7; June 8, 2017 4 hours and 24 minutes	Biology - any student enrolled in a Biology course regardless of grade level	Participation per Federal Regulation	September 2017
Accuplacer <a href="https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/?excmid=VT-00002">https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/?excmid=VT-00002</a> <a href="http://www.camdencc.edu/testing/upload/TestDescription.pdf">http://www.camdencc.edu/testing/upload/TestDescription.pdf</a>	Spring 2017	Grade 12	Any student in Class of 2017 who has not met graduation requirements	Spring 2017
Advanced Placement (AP) <a href="https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home">https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home</a>	May 1 – May 12, 2017	Grades 10-12	Any student in enrolled in an AP class	May 2017
ASVAB <i>Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery</i> <a href="http://official-asvab.com/index.htm">http://official-asvab.com/index.htm</a>	Spring 2017	Grade 12	Any student in Class of 2017 who has not met graduation requirements	Winter 2017
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) <a href="https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/">https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/</a>	Winter 2016-2017	Grade 4 at	Kingston Elementary School	Individual student results are not available
PSAT <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10</a>	10/19/16 Approximately 3 hours	Grades 10 & 11	District recommended	December 2017

If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP or 504, parents/guardians must contact the guidance counselor's office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.