



September 30, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I hope the new school year has started off well for your child. There are many exciting things taking place in OT Schools this year and we look forward to continuing the critically important home-school relationships that we have established with our families.

If your child took the 2016 PARCC assessment last spring, you should have already received your child's score report. We hope that you found the score report provided important information on your child's progress in the assessed areas.

The Spring 2017 PARCC will be administered in the same fashion as last year. However, there are changes that have been enacted by the New Jersey State Board of Education that impact your child. For the Class of 2021 and beyond, this is the current eighth grade and beyond, taking the PARCC in Language Arts in grades 9, 10, and 11 is required for graduation from high school. These students will also be required to take the PARCC in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II as part of the high school graduation requirements. In addition to simply taking those six assessments, students will be required to achieve a passing score on the Algebra I and Grade 10 Language Arts PARCC assessments in order to graduate from high school. I have included a chart which illustrates this.

For students who are currently enrolled in Algebra I at TOIS, taking and passing this year's PARCC will serve as part of their high school graduation requirement. High school students will no longer have the option to use assessments such as the PSAT and SAT to satisfy high school graduation requirements.

As a result, we believe it is critically important for all students in grades 3-8 to take the PARCC assessments. While the overwhelming majority of our students have taken the PARCC over the past two years, some students have not. Our District has worked to respect the feelings of parents regarding the PARCC. However, now that taking all and passing some of these assessments are required for high school graduation, we believe that it will greatly benefit your child to take these assessments so that high school is not the first time they are experiencing the tests.

Attached you will find the 2017 District testing calendar. This will tell you when your child will be scheduled to take the PARCC this school year. In addition, please access the PARCC information page on our District website for more information. The link is here for your convenience.

http://www.oceanschools.org/links/parents/parcc_assessment_testing

As always, thank you for your support of the Township of Ocean School District and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Stefankiewicz", is written over a large, stylized, scribbled-out signature.

JIM STEFANKIEWICZ, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

**Office of the Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Curriculum & Instruction**

Township of Ocean Schools

TESTING DATES 2016 – 2017

TEST	DATES		GRADES	SUBJECT
COGNITIVE ABILITIES Make-ups	October 17, 18, 19 October 20, 21, 24		3, 5	Aptitude Test
PSAT	October 19		10 & 11	
Fall Block PARCC	January 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11 Note: PBT window Nov 28 – Dec 9		9 to 12	ELA I, II, III Alg I, Geo, Alg II
ACCESS for ELL's	February 20 – April 4		K-12	English Language Learners
Spring PARCC	OTES	March 27 – 31	3 to 8	LAL Math
	Wanamassa	April 3 – April 7		
	TOIS All Grades	April 24 – April 28		
	Wayside	May 1,- 5		
Spring Block PARCC	May 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 Note: PBT window Apr 24 – May 5		9 to 12	ELA I, II, III Alg I, Geo, Alg II
Portfolio Appeals (HS)	January 9 – May 12		12	LAL Math
NAEP	Jan 23 – March 3		4, 8, 12	Rdg Math
NJASK Science Make-ups	May 31 June 7		4 & 8	Science
Advanced Placement Examinations	May 1 – 12		HS	Various Subjects
NJBCT Make-ups	May 25 & 26 June 1 & 2		Enrolled in first year biology course	Biology

Class of 2021 and Beyond

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 9

and

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC ELA Grade 10

and

(Must Take) PARCC ELA Grade 11

*If passing score not met on PARCC ELA Grade 10,
then the student can use the following*

Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal

MATHEMATICS

(Must Take and Pass) PARCC Algebra I

and

(Must Take) PARCC Geometry

and

(Must Take) PARCC Algebra II

*If passing score not met on PARCC Algebra I,
then the student can use the following*

Meet the Criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal