**Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College & Careers (PARCC)**

Across the state of New Jersey, students in grades 3 through 11 will take the PARCC assessment in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. Students in grade 4 will take the New Jersey Assessment of Skill and Knowledge (NJ ASK) in science.

**What is the PARCC?** The PARCC assessment is a computer-based assessment of ELA and mathematics skills that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers. The assessment also measures if students are meeting the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards (NJCCCS).

**Do I have the option for my child to opt-out of the PARCC assessment?** No. Harrison Township is obligated by state regulations to administer the NJ ASK and PARCC exam to all students. The district attendance policies and regulations will continue to be followed.

The [NJ Department of Education](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/PARCCFAQ.pdf) and [the New Jersey School Boards Association](http://www.njsba.org/news/pdfs/parcc-faq.pdf?w=749) offer additional information and guidance regarding:

* Do statutes, regulations or court decisions permit students to opt out of the state testing program?
* What is the impact on the school district if students do not participate in PRACC?

**What are the 2015-2016 New Jersey testing timelines?** The regular administration of the grade 3 through 6 PARCC assessments is scheduled from April 4, 2016 through May 13, 2016. Harrison Township has opted to schedule one unit per day towards the end of the testing window (see below). The NJ ASK science assessment is scheduled for May 25, 2016.

**When will Harrison Township administer the PARCC?**

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| May 2 | May 3 | May 4 | May 5 | May 6 |
| **ELA Unit 1**  Grade 3-6 (90 min) | **ELA Unit 2**  Grade 3 (75 min)  Grade 4-5 (90 min)  Grade 6 (110 min) | **ELA Unit 3**  Grade 3-5 (90 min)  Grade 6 (110 min) | **Math Unit 1**  Grade 3-5 (60 min)  Grade 6 (80 min) | **Math Unit 2**  Grade 3-5 (60 min)  Grade 6 (80 min) |
| May 9 | May 10 | May 11 |  |  |
| **Math Unit 3**  Grade 3-5 (60 min)  Grade 6 (80 min) | **Math Unit 4**  Grade 3-5 (60 min)  Grade 6 (NA) | **Make-ups** |  |  |

Other PARCC resources:

* New Jersey Department of Education - [http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/PARCCFAQ.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/PARCCFAQ.pdf%20%20)
* New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards - <http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/>
* Common Core State Standards - <http://www.corestandards.org/>
* PARCC - <http://parcconline.org/resources/parent-resources>
* Next Generation Testing (Format)
  + Measures of Academic Progress - <https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/>
  + PARCC - <http://parcconline.org/news-and-video/386-your-guide-to-understanding-parcc-test-questions>
* Practice Tests - <http://parcconline.org/assessments/practice-tests>
* Released Test Items - <https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items>
* New Jersey School Boards Association - <http://www.njsba.org/news/pdfs/parcc-faq.pdf?w=749>
* Achieve the Core - <http://achievethecore.org/about-us>
* Great Schools - <http://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/parcc-3rd-grade/new-jersey/>
* New Jersey Education Association - <http://www.njea.org/Home/Parents-and-Community/Family-Involvement/For-Parents>