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Dear Parents/Guardians:

In this document you will find information regarding the administration of the state/federally mandated standardized assessments for the 2016-2017 school year. I have also enclosed some information about our in-house assessments.

Mandatory Parental Notification of Standardized Assessments

New Jersey has administered statewide assessments since the 1970s, and over the years, the testing program has evolved. It began as a measure of basic skills, and after 1996, it has assessed the state's academic standards. In 2001, under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, every state was required to test students in mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11. That mandate is still in effect under the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015. (NJDOE resource: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>)

Assessment Subject Area and Grade Levels	Range of Administration & Duration	Requirement	Resources: Access to Sample Questions & Answers & Results
PARCC Grades 3-6 ELA & Mathematics	Computer Administration 03/27/17 thru 05/19/17 Testing Time: 8.25-9.7hrs See the district website for the Harrison Township timelines	State Required Assessment	PARCC https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/ NJ DOE http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parcc/scores/
NJ ASK Science Grade 4	Paper-pencil Administration 05/31/17 Make-up Date: 06/07/17 Testing Time: 75 min	State Required Assessment	NJ ASK https://www.measinc.com/nj/NJASK/Default.aspx NJ DOE http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/njask/
Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Grades 3-6	Administration Range 04/03/17 thru 05/19/17 Testing Time: ELA 50-75 min Math 25-50 min (Varies based on IEP)	State Required Assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in ELA and mathematics	DLM http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/newjersey NJ DOE http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/apa/dlm
Alternate Proficiency Assessment in Science (APA) Grade 4	First Collection Period 09/01/16 thru 11/11/16 Second Collection Period 12/05/16 thru 02/10/17 Testing Time: See Guidelines	State Required Assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities who are unable to participate in the NJ ASK	Questar https://nj-servicepoint.questarai.com/Login.aspx NJ DOE http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/apa
ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 English Language Proficiency Assessment Grades K-6	Computer Administration 02/20/17 thru 04/14/17 Testing Time: See Guidelines (Varies based on student needs)	State Required Assessment for students who are identified as English Language Learners (ELLs)	WiDA (ACCESS for ELLs) https://www.wida.us/assessment/ACCESS20.aspx#about NJ DOE http://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/ells/20/

If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodation by their IEP, parents/guardians should contact their classroom teacher, guidance department, and/or their child's case manager for additional details on the specific accommodations and accessibility options. The state resources for testing accommodations can be accessed through the following link –<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/accomodations>.

In Harrison Township School District, we also use a variety of vendor-based assessments to monitor our students and their progress. The following assessments will be administered to our students over the course of the 2016-2017 school year.

Assessment Subject Area and Grade Levels	Range of Administration & Duration	Requirement	Resources: Access to Sample Questions & Answers & Results
NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Reading & Mathematics	Computer Administration Grades 1 thru 6 09/12/16 thru 10/07/16 Grade K 11/28/16 thru 12/09/16 Grades K thru 6 04/03/17 thru 04/26/17	An in-house computer-based adaptive test to measure student proficiency in reading and mathematics	NWEA https://www.nwea.org/assessments/resources-for-parents/
InView Intelligent Quotient	Paper-pencil Administration Grade 2 03/08-17 thru 03/09/17 Make-ups 03/15/17 thru 03/16/17	An in-house cognitive abilities aptitude test that measures verbal reasoning, sequences, analogies, and quantitative reasoning	DRC:CTB http://www.ctb.com/ctb.com/control/ctbProductViewAction?productFamilyId=449&productId=875&products
Test of Mathematical Abilities for Giftedness (TOMAGS) Mathematics	Paper-pencil Administration Grade 3 03/09/16 Make-ups 03/16/17	An in-house standardized, norm-referenced assessment to identify children gifted in mathematics.	Prufrock Press Inc http://www.prufrock.com/Assets/CClientPages/pdfs/tomags/tomags-ch1.pdf

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me at 856.478.2016 extension 7169 or via e-mail at davisa@harrisontwp.k12.nj.us.

Sincerely,



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