Community Forum

Common Core, Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC) and Infinite Campus



June 10, 2014



Agenda

- Welcome from Superintendent, Dr. Donnie Evans
- Forum Topics
 - Common Core State Standards Dr. Anthony P.
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 - PARCC/State Assessments Dr. Laurie Newell -
 - New Student Information System/Infinite
 Campus Ms. Anita West
- Questions/Comments



District Vision & Mission

Vision

To be a leader in educating New Jersey's urban youth

Mission

To prepare each student to be <u>successful in</u> the institution of higher education of their choosing and in their chosen career



Forum Topics

Tonight's guest speakers
will tell you why we are
making these changes and
how these changes
support our vision and mission





What's New for Your Child?



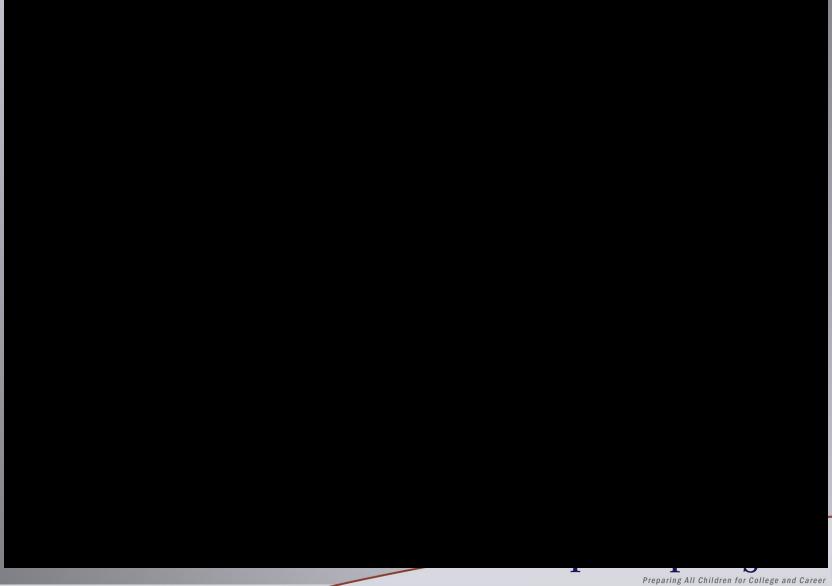
Common Core State Standards

What a student should know and be able to do by the end of each grade.





Common Core State Standards





CCSS Focus on:

College and Career Readiness

- Rigorous curriculum and course work
- Skills to build strong content knowledge
- Ability to comprehend and critique
- Students value evidence
- Use technology and digital media
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RIGOR IS...



Expect your child to say: Work is too hard!!!!

- Expectation for depth of knowledge is deeper
- Challenge student thinking a higher level
- Student application of what they have learned

The CCSS Difference: Grade 8 Math

Before NJCCCS (2004)

Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem.



After: CCSS (2010)

- 1. Explain a proof of the Pythagorean Theorem and its converse.
- 2. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to determine unknown side lengths in right triangles in real-world and mathematical problems in two and three dimensions.
- 3. Apply the Pythagorean Theorem to find the distance between two points in a coordinate system.



The CCSS Difference: Grade 7 ELA

Before: NJCCSS (2004)

Produce written work and oral work that demonstrate comprehension of informational materials.

After: CCSS (2010)

Determine two or more central ideas in a text and analyze their development over the course of the text; provide an objective summary of the text.



The CCSS Difference Grade 3-5 ELA: Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5
Compare and contrast the most	Integrate information from	Integrate information from
important points and key details presented in two texts on the same topic	two texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgably	several texts on the same topic in order to write or speak about the subject knowledgably.



CCSS: Quick facts

- Student responsible for their own learning
- More doing Less Listening Less Worksheets
- **Teacher as a guide** More Probing Questions
- Textbooks replaced by on-line resources and other sources
- More hands on activities
- Greater emphasis on real-world application
- More open-ended questions
- Problem solving requires students to evaluate and
- Make conclusions based on the evidence



What's Next? Common Assessments

- Common Core State Standards are critical, but it is just the first step
- Common assessments aligned to the Common Core will help ensure the new standards truly reach every classroom

Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

- As the classwork has changed, we need a test to better measure what is being taught in the classroom
 - Better standards require better tests
- These new tests are linked to what your children need to know to be ready for college and careers



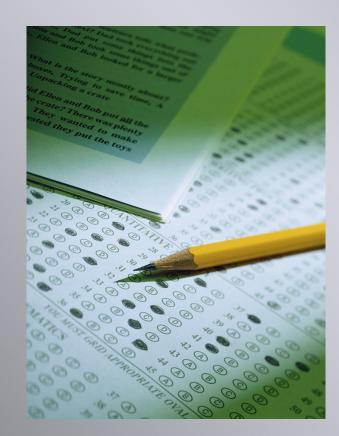
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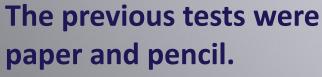
 Current tests (NJASK, HSPA) are not designed to tell us whether students are on track for success in college and careers

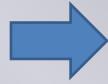
 We have to prepare all students for college and career



PARCC









The PARCC tests will be given on the computer.

PARCC Goals

- Create high-quality assessments
- Build a pathway to college and career readiness for all students
- Support educators in the classroom
- Develop 21st century, technology-based assessments
- Advance accountability at all levels
- Build an assessment that is sustainable and affordable

Priority Purposes of PARCC Assessments

- Determine whether students are on track for college or career
- Assess the full range of the Common Core Standards, including standards that are difficult to measure
- Measure the full range of student performance, including the performance high and low performing students

Create High Quality Assessments

- Summative Assessment Components:
 - Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) will be given in March 2015. The English Language section will focus on writing effectively when analyzing text. The mathematics PBA will focus on applying skills, concepts, and understandings to solve multi-step problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools
 - End-of-Year Assessment (EOY) will be given in May 2015.
 The ELA/literacy EOY will focus on reading comprehension.
 The math EOY will have questions that will be machinescored

How will PARCC be different?

- Students: Will know if they are on track to graduate ready for college/careers
- Teachers: Will have access to timely information to guide the student's learning
- Parents: Will have up to date information about how their students are doing and how we're preparing the students for the future.
- States: Will have valid results that can compare across states



SPED and ELL students

Will students with disabilities and English Language Learners be included in the Assessments? Yes

- The PARCC assessments will include all students
- Students with disabilities and English Language
 Learners will participate in the PARCC assessments

We must measure what ALL children learn in school



Accommodations

Four distinct groups of students may receive accommodations on PARCC assessments:

- 1. Students with disabilities who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- 2. Students with a Section 504 plan (students who do not qualify for special education services)
- 3. Students who are English learners and
- 4. Students who are English learners and with disabilities who have an IEP or 504 plan.



Importance of PARCC

- Increase how we compete in the global economy
- Higher achievement levels and more opportunities for all students
- Able to compare across states
- Higher college completion
- Better educated citizens





Transforming K12 Education®





aily Planner

View today's schedule and assignments due for each class



Assignments

Browse your assignments by specific class or due date.



Attendance

Review attendance events in summary and detail form.



Grades

Know your grades now. Forget about end-of-term report cards to know how you're doing.



Schedule

Check your schedule from anywhere, at any time.



ood Service

Check your account balance. Available in districts using Campus Food Service.





What is a Student Information System?

- It is a Student Data warehouse that houses all necessary student data, including but not limited to:
 - Student name, grade, school
 - Family contact information and demographics
 - Siblings connections through household data
 - Grades
 - Schedules
 - Behavior
 - Attendance
 - Health and Athletics



Current Student Information System

District Administration

School Administration

Fusion

School Clerical

Teachers

What's Missing?



Why Infinite Campus?

District Administration

Teachers

Infinite Campus

School
Administration
and Clerical

PARENTS

STUDENTS



Advantage of Infinite Campus

- Student and parent have access through the portals
- It has systems communication one system will handle multiple areas and integration will be easier
- It allows us, in one system, to produce userfriendly data that is easier to read and understand.



- What does this mean for students?
 - The ability to get assignments at home
 - A constant awareness of their own progress through the portal
 - Practice for communication that matches college and university, through a web-based portal
 - Unique log-on

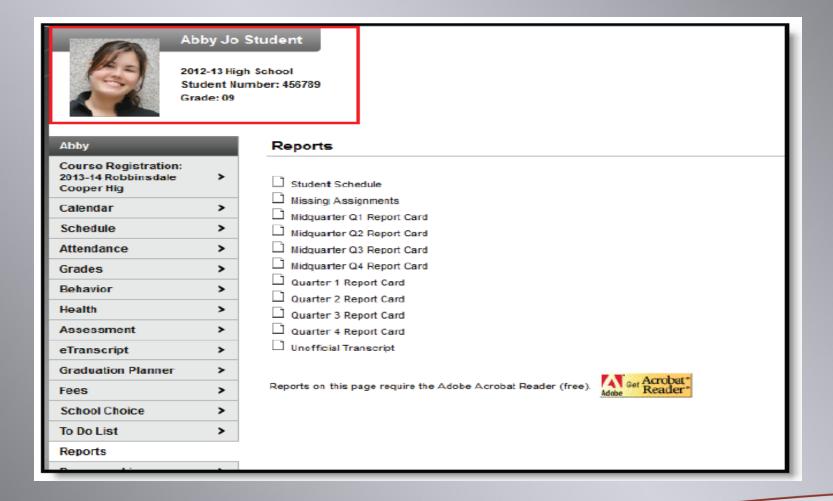


How will this help you as a parent?

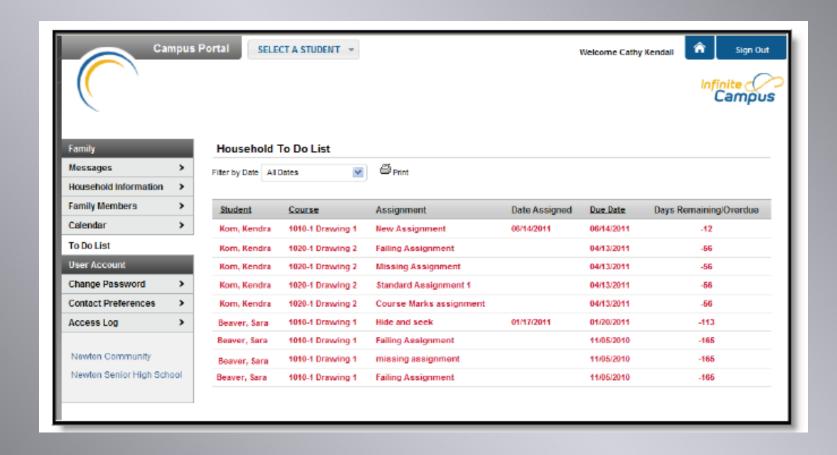
- View your child(ren)'s with a unique logon
 - Schedule
 - Assignments
 - Grades
 - Behavior alerts
- Receive immediate alerts on student attendance
- Communicate with teachers



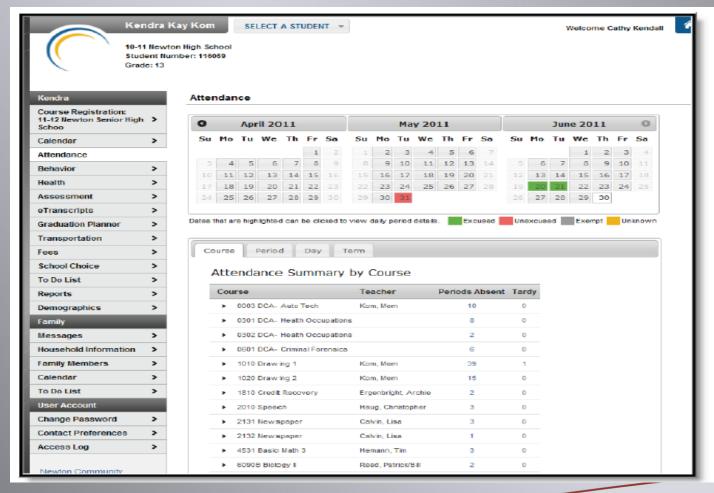
Infinite Campus -Portal



Infinite Campus – Alerts & Messages

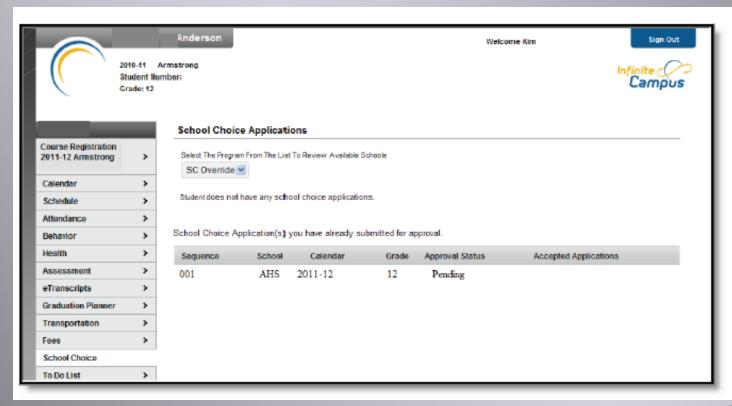


Infinite Campus – Attendance View



Is your child an eighth grader or soon to be an eighth grader?

If so, choosing a high school academy just got easier!



Do you have a Smart Phone? i.e. iPhone, Droid, Samsung?



Image 1: iOS Campus Mobile Portal



Image 2: Android Campus Mobile Portal

Do you have more than one child in the district?



Image 5: iOS Student Selection

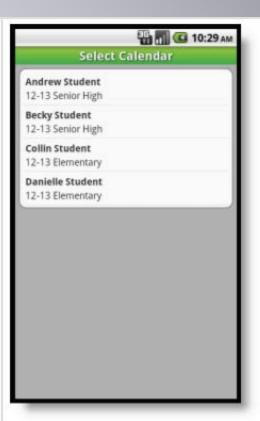


Image 6: Android Student Selection

- How will you as a parent access the Portal and will your children be able to access your site?
 - Parents/Guardians will be given a unique user name and password.
 Please do not share the password
 - You will receive a letter with information along with your packet
 - You will immediately see attendance and schedule.
 - All other components will be phased in and communicated.



Parent/Guardian trainings will be set up through:

- Parent Coordinators and Home School Community Liaisons
- Scheduled group training sessions during the day and in the evenings for interested parents/guardians
- Webinars and Instructions on the District website on the use of Infinite Campus for both parents and staff
- Short tutorials on the District Cable Channel 76

Administrators, teachers, and support staff will also be trained



QUESTIONS

