

SOUTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students in Grades 3-11:

In September, we distributed the 2017-2018 Standardized Assessment calendar through the online Friday Folder and high school email distribution list. A revised schedule is posted on our website: http://www.sbschools.org/departments/testing_services/docs/REVISED_SBSD_PARCC_Schedule_Spring_2018.pdf. As you already know, students in Grades 3-11 are required to participate in the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment this spring.

This will be the fourth year of the PARCC, which evaluates how the District is doing in preparing your children for college and career success. Students are assessed online in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These results are used to measure our program delivery and student progress towards meeting academic standards.

The PARCC assessment is administered at the start of each day on the designated dates at the elementary and middle school levels. New this year, our high school students will participate in the PARCC during courses aligned with PARCC. There is a range (60-90 minutes) in assessment times, which is determined by the grade level of the student and the content being assessed. Students are given breaks during the assessment time. In the event that a student is absent, he/she is afforded an opportunity to make-up the missed assessment. When a make-up is needed, we may not be able to accommodate a morning start time. In the case of a make-up session, afternoon testing may occur.

If a parent needs additional information about the PARCC assessment, information is posted on our website. Also available on our website is information for parents who believe test refusal is an option for their child: http://www.sbschools.org/departments/testing_services/index_nl.php.

Thanks for your support with this and the many upcoming PARCC preparation tasks.

Sincerely,

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