

SOUTH BRUNSWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT



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

Earlier this year we distributed the 2016-2017 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/PARCCScheduleSpring2017.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 third 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. There is a range (60-110 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. On our website information is available 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Luck-Born', written in a cursive style.

Suzanne Luck-Born
Director of Assessment and Instructional Support

“Attitude Determines Altitude – Fly High!”