



Medford Township Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardians(s):

The first week in April marks the opening of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Testing window. While the testing window remains open throughout the month of April and beginning of May, Haines Sixth Grade Center will administer the PARCC Test on the following dates:

Team 6-1 – April 26-27, May 4-5

Team 6-2 – April 28, May 1, May 8-9

Team 6-3 – May 2-3, May 10-11

Students in our school will test their knowledge of Language Arts and Math. Total testing time for individual students on the PARCC is estimated at approximately nine hours over the course of four mornings.

This is the third year of mandated PARCC testing in the state of New Jersey. Previously, our students took the NJASK Test for all subject areas. The NJASK will now be used only for Science and only in grades 4 and 8.

Please note that the New Jersey Department of Education has established strict guidelines regarding electronic devices in PARCC testing rooms. If devices are brought into the testing room, students are required to turn them off and turn them into their teacher prior to the start of testing. They will be held until testing has concluded in that room. This applies to all electronic devices including cell phones, smart watches, digital readers, iPods, etc. If a student is found to have a device after testing has begun, we are obligated to call the department of education and an investigation of testing irregularity will be undertaken. There could be disciplinary action taken. Please discuss the seriousness of this requirement with your child.

Students will take the PARCC on a computer, and have been familiarized with the use of the computer and the necessary functions required while testing. You can learn more about this particular assessment, and find helpful hints on how to help your child with the PARCC on our district website at www.medford.k12.nj.us. As always, a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast before testing have been shown to help with concentration and fitness.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Olson
District Test Coordinator