

# LINDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

State statute (*N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6*) requires that school districts, charter schools, and renaissance school projects must, by October 1 of each year, provide parents or guardians certain information on any state assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year.

The information provided by districts to parents or guardians must include:

- The subject area of the assessment and grade levels covered by the assessment;
- The date or range of potential dates for the administration of the assessment;
- The time allotted for the student to take and complete the assessment;
- Any accommodations or accessibility options available to students;
- Information on how and when the student and his/her parent or guardian can access both sample questions and answers to the assessment and the student's results; and
- Whether the assessment is required by state or federal government, or both

Furthermore, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) and the NJ Science Assessment are both required assessments mandated by the State. The State of New Jersey also requires that Benchmark Assessments be provided in each content area, which we do with internally developed benchmarks. Finally, the School Performance Reports (formerly the School Report Card) report on college and career readiness statistics. We provide our students with the PSAT which is one assessment that is reflected on this report.

Sincerely,

*Dariusz Kondratowicz*

Supervisor of Data and Assessment

Assessment Name	Subject Area	Grade Level Tested	Number of Testing Administrations in District:	Testing Mode:*	Testing Time allotted per student **	Testing window***	Results Available to Districts****	Information for Parents/Guardians Regarding the Assessment
PARCC	Math	3 through 8; Algebra I Geometry and Algebra II	1(Spring)	Computer	4 hours	<b>Spring:</b> April 9 through May 28 ;	<b>Spring</b> : June	<a href="#">PARCC Website</a>
	ELA	3 through 10	1(Spring)	Computer	4 hours	<b>Spring:</b> April 9 through May 28 ;	<b>Spring</b> : June	<a href="#">New Jersey Department of Education Parent Resources</a>
PSAT	ELA/MATH	10 and 11	1(Fall)	Paper	3 hours	October 10	December	<a href="#">PSAT Parent and Student Resources</a>
NJ Science Assessment	Science/Biology	5, 8, 11	1(Spring)	Computer	4 hours	May 9 through May 30	TBA	<a href="#">TBA</a>
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NEAP)	Mathematics/Reading	4,8 and 12	1 (Winter)	Computer	90 min	Jan 28 through Mar 8	TBA	<a href="#">TBA</a>

\* Testing mode refers to how the student will be administered the assessment. The two types of mode are computer and paper and pencil; some computer-based assessments allow students to take the assessment using paper and pencil. Be sure to inquire about the options if your son/daughter has a medical issue that would not allow him/her to take the assessment on the computer.

\*\* 'Testing time' is the maximum amount of time allotted to students to complete the assessment. Most students finish well in advance of the allotted time.

\*\*\* The testing window is period in which districts administer the PARCC assessment; it is not the actual number of days it takes a student to test. School districts can choose which days within the testing windows that it wants to assess students. Please inquire with your district about the exact testing dates of the assessment.

\*\*\*\* This column indicates when the reports will be available to the district. The district will send out reports to parents as soon as possible. Please contact the district for further information.