

Dear Parent/Guardian of a Mercer County Technical School Student in Grades 9-11:

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents/guardians with relevant State testing information as it relates to the upcoming PARCC (Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Careers). The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has directed New Jersey public school districts to schedule all students in Grades 9-11 to take the appropriate PARCC assessments. Any student taking English I, English II, English III, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II is scheduled for a PARCC assessment.

The PARCC assessments are computer-based and aligned to the Common Core State Standards. PARCC assessments will evaluate a student’s progress toward college and career readiness/preparedness. The PARCC assessments are also designed to provide teachers with information to modify instruction and provide student support.

PARCC test dates for the full time academies are based on the following schedules:

PARCC 2017-2018 Grades 9-11 STEM & HSA:	Test Dates and Location:
PARCC 2018	April 16, 2018 – April 20, 2018 @ Assunpink
PARCC Make-up	First open PM session @ Assunpink
PARCC 2017-2018 Grades 9-11 Culinary:	
PARCC 2018	April 23, 2018 – April 25, 2018 @ Sypek
PARCC Make-up	April 26 & April 27 @ Sypek

PARCC Test Session Times				
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Total Time
ELA Grades 9-11	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min
Algebra I	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min
Geometry	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min
Algebra II	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min

NEW THIS YEAR: In replace of the New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT), all 11th grade students will take the NJSLA-S assessment for Science on May 7th and 8th at the Assunpink Center. Make-Up test dates will be May 9th and 10th.

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down to PARCC ASSESSMENTS to learn more about PARCC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), sample questions and practice tests, and PARCC resources including accommodations and accessibility options available to students. Also available at <https://parcc-assessment.org/>.

Follow <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/GradReq.pdf> to view the high school state and federal requirements for assessments.

During PARCC and NJSLA-S testing, please ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a hearty breakfast and comes to school prepared to focus on the PARCC assessments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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