



# Allamuchy Township School

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Dear Allamuchy Parents and Guardians,

This year, the Allamuchy Township School District will participate in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, PARCC, in lieu of the NJASK for English Language Arts and Mathematics. PARCC is the statewide assessment program adopted by the NJDOE. Last year, our students in grades 3 and 8 participated in a field test of the assessment. The PARCC is a computer-based test and administered in two parts. As communicated at the beginning of the school year, the PARCC testing windows for grades 3-8 will be March 2-27, 2015 for the PBA and April 27-May 22, 2015 for the EOY. Testing sessions will vary from 60-90 minutes depending on the grade and the section each day. Students will participate in one testing session each day during regular testing. Students in grades 4 and 8 will also participate in the NJASK Science on May 27, 2015 (May 28- make-up).

**Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) March 2 – March 27, 2015** (75% of school year)

ELA - writing effectively when analyzing text. (3 days)

Math - applying skills, concepts, and understandings to solve multi-step problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools. (2 days)

Grade	Testing Dates: Performance-Based Assessment
8 <sup>th</sup>	March 2-6, 2015 AM session 2
7 <sup>th</sup>	March 2-6, 2015 AM session 1
6 <sup>th</sup>	March 9-13, 2015 AM session 2 (possible 7-8 make-ups)
5 <sup>th</sup>	March 9-13, 2015 AM session 1 (possible 7-8 make-ups)
4 <sup>th</sup>	March 16-20, 2015 AM session (possible 5-8 make-ups)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	March 16-20, 2015 PM session (possible 5-8 make-ups)
Remainder Make-Ups	March 23-27, 2015

AM sessions will occur before student lunch. PM sessions will occur after student lunch.

**\*\*In the event that school is closed, testing will be shifted by each missed day.\*\***

**End-of-Year Assessment (EOY) April 27 – May 22, 2015** (90% of school year)

ELA - reading comprehension. (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 1 day/ 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2 days)

Math - demonstrate further conceptual understanding of the Major Content and Additional and Supporting Content of the grade/course. (2 days)

Grade	Testing Dates: End of Year Assessment
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	April 27- 30, 2015
6 <sup>th</sup>	May 4-7, 2015 (possible 7-8 make-ups)
5 <sup>th</sup>	May 4-6, 2015 (possible 7-8 make-ups)
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	May 11-13, 2015 (possible 5-8 make-ups)
Remainder Make-Ups	May 18-22, 2015

Eighth grade students enrolled in Algebra I will participate in the Algebra I PARCC assessment. Students enrolled in Grade 8 Math will participate in the Grade 8 Math PARCC assessment.

As in previous years with the NJASK, the Allamuchy Township School District will send home score reports in the mail for all PARCC assessments and the NJASK Science. The PARCC assessment will not affect promotion, just as the NJASK did not.

Throughout the PARCC test, students will be required to utilize technology by reading, typing, researching, and listening. Students will be using the Google Chromebooks for this assessment in classroom settings. Students are required to have a personal listening device (headphones/ ear buds). Due to hygiene issues, we are strongly encouraging students to bring in their own ear buds for the days of testing and store them in their homeroom. Most students in grades 3-5 already have these items stored at school. If you are unable to provide a listening device, please let us know ahead of time so that we can make one available for your child.

During the administration of standardized assessments, it is imperative that students keep their cell phones out of the testing environment. Cell phones should remain at home during the testing window or will be collected by the test administrator and stowed in a safe place in the off position outside of the testing room.

Attendance on the scheduled testing dates is important. We encourage that you ensure a full night's sleep and appropriate breakfast choices throughout the school year, including days of testing. The first morning test session will begin directly after homeroom, so please ensure students are prompt and on time.

Thank you for all you do to support your child and education in our school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (908) 852-1894 x101.

Yours in Education,

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