



Allamuchy Township School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Allamuchy Township School District is sending home score reports today for last year's standardized assessment in English language arts/literacy (ELA) and/or mathematics known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test that your child participated in last spring. These online tests were designed to replace the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) and the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) and match the content and skills outlined in the new standards that are guiding instruction.

Your child's performance level, as well as the school and district's performance levels, may look lower this year. These new tests measure more complex, real-world skills such as critical-thinking, writing, and problem solving. For these reasons, these scores cannot be compared to previous test scores. Instead, they are setting a new, more accurate baseline from which progress can be measured moving forward. This first year of testing set a baseline and is a transition year. Therefore, these scores were not utilized for identification purposes during the 2015-2016 school year.

You can find grade level learning resources that can be accessed at home at the following websites:

- Video explaining the score reports: <http://www.understandthescore.org/>
- Additional resources for parents: <http://www.bealearninghero.org/>
- Information about the PARCC assessment: <http://www.parconline.org/resources/parent-resources>
- New Jersey specific information: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>

We continue to get updated information on PARCC testing for the 2015-2016 school year as they are working through streamlining the process. The overall testing window is from April 4-May 13, 2016 and affects students in grades 3-12. As soon as we confirm the testing times, we will create a testing schedule and communicate the information to you.

If your child did not participate in the PARCC last year, a 'mock up' score report will be sent home so that you can see what other parents in the district received to describe the performance of their children.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting me at 908-852-1894 x101.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Chickey

Principal