

PARCC

**PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS
AND COLLEGE CAREERS**

Hasbrouck
Heights
Middle School

WHAT IS PARCC?

- Math and English Language Arts tests for grades 3-11
- Standardized assessment utilized by NJDOE to measure student mastery of the common core to ensure college and career readiness

HOW IS PARCC DIFFERENT?

NJ ASK/HSPA

- Administered once
- Paper based/No tech
- School shut down
- ELA & Math (3-8 & 11)
- Science (4 & 8)
- **Loss of instructional time**

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- Administered twice
- Computer based/Tech
- School does not shut down
- ELA grades 3-11
- Math grade 3-8, Algebra, Geometry & Algebra 2
- No Science
- Regular Day

REQUIRED PARCC ASSESSMENTS

Performance-Based

- Given in March
- Tests critical thinking
- Reading comprehension
- Writing in response to reading
- Research simulation
- Real world application

End-of-Year

- End of April – May
- Short answer items
- Reading comprehension
- Math conceptual understanding and skills

WHAT DOES A TESTING SESSION LOOK LIKE?

- Classroom or Technology room
- Morning
- Test Administrator needed per room
 - If 25+ students in a room, additional proctor will be needed
- Test Administrator can help with technology **ONLY** if a student is struggling
- Headphones will be provided

SCHEDULE

Grade/ Subject	Unit Time	PBA Unit 1	PBA Unit 2	PBA Unit 3	EOY Unit 1	EOY Unit 2
Grades 6-8 ELA	Unit Time	75	90	60	60	60
Grades 6-8 Math	Unit Time	80	70	-	80	75

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- **Online testing skills include:**
 - Drag and drop
 - Cut and paste
 - Use of math tools
 - Online calculators (6-11)
 - Graphing tools
 - Type written responses in ELA and Math
 - Scrolling

ACCOMMODATIONS

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DISTRICT INITIATIVES

- Interactive Achievement
- Pearson Practice Tests
 - Pearson Tutorials
- Type to Learn/Keyboarding
- Computer lab sessions
- PARCC Portal on Website
- Teacher training
- Newly adopted curriculum aligned to Common Core Standards

PERFORMANCE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS (PLDS)

- New State scoring
- No longer out of 300
- Based on PBA and EOY Assessment
- A score for Math and ELA
- Cut score for each level determined in Summer of 2015

PERFORMANCE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS (PLDS)

Level 5: Students performing at this level demonstrate a distinguished command of the knowledge, skills, and practices embodied by the Common Core State Standards assessed at their grade level.

Level 4: Students performing at this level demonstrate a **solid** command of...

Level 3: Students performing at this level demonstrate a **moderate** command of...

Level 2: Students performing at this level demonstrate a **partial** command of...

Level 1: Students performing at this level demonstrate a **minimal** command of...

- **State is looking for a score of a 4 or 5**

PARCC RESULTS WILL BE USED TO...

- **Assist** teachers in supporting students and to drive instruction
- **Inform** parents and students on progress towards “on track” college and career readiness
- **Inform** schools and districts on curricula, instructional, and professional development needs
- **Assist** NJ’s colleges and universities to determine a student’s readiness for entry-level, credit-bearing college courses

PARENT ACTIONS WHICH SUPPORT STUDENT SUCCESS

- Support your children with homework
- Expose your children to informational texts and literature and assist them in making connections
- Practice fluency with math facts
- Encourage real-life problem solving in multiple ways
- Explain/Discuss the process for problem solving
- Encourage your child to justify their reasoning
- Practice typing and use other technology tools where applicable.

PARENT RESOURCES

- [Parent Resource Tab](#) (This link contains several PARCC resources)
- [PARCC Games](#) (Grades K-3 Reading & Grades K-6 Math)
<http://parccgames.com/>
- [PARCC Field Test Resources-TestNav8](#) (Sample Tests Grades 3-11)
- [The Common Core Mathematics Toolbox](#) (Tons of stuff here!)
- [The PARCC Parent Guide](#) (An online version of one of the handouts)
- [PARCC Website-For Parents](#) (The Parent Tab of the PARCC site)
- [Smarter Balanced Website](#) (For additional CCSS resources)
- [NJDOE Parent Resources](#)
- [National PTA Resources](#)