

NCS 2017 ASSESSMENT GUIDE

New Jersey has administered statewide assessments since the 1970s, and over the years, the testing program has evolved. It began as a measure of basic skills, and after 1996, it has assessed the state's academic standards. In 2001, under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, every state was required to test students in mathematics and English language arts (ELA) in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11. That mandate is still in effect under the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*.

In 2010, New Jersey adopted new, high-quality standards which changed the expectations in ELA and mathematics to emphasize higher-order thinking skills and not just memorizing information. In May 2016, the New Jersey State Board of Education adopted revisions to the mathematics and ELA standards and renamed all areas of the state's academic standards the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

In the 2014-15 school year, New Jersey transitioned from its former assessments to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in mathematics and English language arts. The PARCC assessments more accurately measure the higher-level skills developed under the New Jersey Student Learning Standards and provide parents and educators with meaningful information to improve teaching and learning.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, beginning in the Fall of 2016 school districts and charter schools 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.

Assessment Subject Area	Administration Date & Time	Grades Applicable	Requirement	Results Available	Assessment Information & Practice
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: May 1 - 4 Duration: 4 units approx 60 min each*	Grades 3 & 4	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 8 - 10 Duration: 3 units approx 90 min each*	Grades 3 & 4	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: April 4 - 7 Duration: 4 units approx 60 min each*	Grade 5	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: April 10 - 12 Duration: 3 units approx 90 min each*	Grade 5	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: April 5 - 7 Duration: 3 units approx 80 min each*	Grade 6	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: April 10 - 12 Duration: 3 units approx 110 min each*	Grade 6	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/

PARCC Math	Computer Administration: March 27 - 29 Duration: 3 units approx 80 min each*	Grades 7 & 8	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC Algebra	Computer Administration: March 27 - 29 Duration: 3 units approx 90 min each*	Grade 8	HS Graduation Requirement Score 750+	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC Geometry	Computer Administration: March 27 - 29 Duration: 3 units approx 90 min each*	If applicable	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: March 30 - April 3 Duration: 3 units approx 110 min for grade 7 each* approx 90 min for grade 8 each*	Grades 7 & 8	State - mandated	Fall 2017	https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/
DLM	April 3 - May 19	Special Education Students based on IEP	State - mandated	Fall 2017	http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/
NJASK Science	Paper Administration: May 31 Duration: Approx 90 - 120 min*	Grades 4 & 8	State - mandated	Fall 2017	
MAP Reading & Math	Computer Administration: Fall & Spring (& winter if applicable) Duration: Approx 60 min for each assessment (less for younger grades)	Grades K - 8	N/A	Immediate	http://www.nwea.org/

*If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations as per their IEP or 504, parent/guardians should contact their guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.

-PARCC sessions approx 8:30 - 10:00am and 10:30am - 12:00pm; two sessions per day