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## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Pursuant to state code (*NJSA* 18A:7C-6.6) all school districts in New Jersey must provide information regarding state assessments or commercially-developed assessments that will be administered during the academic year. The Cherry Hill Public School District administers a wide variety of state mandated and commercially-developed assessments to the students. These standardized assessments are one piece of the educational measures that are used to evaluate student success. As a district we believe that that our students' classroom experiences, interacting with their teachers on a daily basis, and their subsequent performance on teacher and district developed assessments provide a clear and well-rounded picture of students' achievement.

Some important highlights and changes to this year's assessments:

- The graduating classes of 2018–2019 (current 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade students) may meet New Jersey graduation requirements in a variety of ways: 1. demonstrating proficiency on the PARCC assessment, 2. achieving a specific minimum score on an alternative assessment (Accuplacer, ASVAB, PSAT, SAT), or 3. through the portfolio appeal process.
- The graduating class of 2020 (current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students) must take all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible in order to have the same alternative assessments available as the classes of 2018-2019 to fulfill the New Jersey graduation assessment requirement.
- The graduating class of 2021 (current 9<sup>th</sup> grade students) must sit for all end-of-course PARCC assessments for which they are eligible as well as demonstrate proficiency on the Algebra I mathematics and English Language 10 PARCC assessments in order to fulfill the New Jersey graduation assessment requirement.

Please see the enclosed chart of state and commercially-developed assessments that shall be administered to students during the 2017-2018 academic year. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Regards,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D. Superintendent

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## Chart of State and Commercially-Developed Assessments \*Cherry Hill 2017-2018\*\*

Cherry 11th 2017-2016							
Assessment	Administration Date/Time	Grades Covered	Requirement	Results Available			
PARCC ELA/ MATH GRADES 3,4,5 Practice Tests: https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/ https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/	April 16 – May 25, 2018  ELA total time Grade 3 5.75 hours Grades 4&5 6 hours  Math total time 4 hours	English /Language Arts Literacy and Math Grades 3, 4 & 5	Participation per Federal Regulation	October 2018			
PARCC ELA/MATH GRADES 6,7,8 https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/ https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/	April 16 – May 25, 2018  ELA total time 7 hours  Math total time 4 hours	English/ Language Arts Literacy and Math Grades 6, 7 & 8	Participation per Federal Regulation	October 2018			
PARCC ELA GRADES 9-11 https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/	April 16 – May 25, 2018 ELA total time 7 hours	English/ Language Arts Literacy Grades 9- 11	Class of 2018- 2019 Passing score meets graduation requirement Class of 2020 and beyond graduation requirement	October 2018			
PARCC ALGEBRA I ALGEBRA II GEOMETRY https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/	April 16 – May 25, 2018 Math total time 4.5 hours	Content specific math - includes students in grades 7,8,9,10,11,	Class of 2018- 2019 Passing score meets graduation requirement Class of 2020 and beyond Graduation requirement	October 2018			
SCIENCE GRADES 5, 8 and 11	Exact dates and length of assessment TBD	Science grades 5, 8 and 11	Participation per Federal Regulation	October 2018			

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Accuplacer <a href="https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=VT-00002">https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/?excmpid=VT-00002</a> <a href="https://www.camdencc.edu/testing/upload/TestDescription.pdf">http://www.camdencc.edu/testing/upload/TestDescription.pdf</a>	Spring 2018	Grade 12	Any student in Class of 2018 who has not met graduation requirements	Spring 2018
Advanced Placement (AP) <a href="https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home">https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/home</a>	May 7 – May 18, 2018	Grades 10- 12	Any student in enrolled in an AP class	May 2018
ASVAB Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab	Spring 2018	Grade 12	Any student in Class of 2018 who has not met graduation requirements	Winter 2018
PSAT <a href="https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10">https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10</a>	10/11/18 Approximately 3 hours	Grades 10 & 11	District recommended	December 2018

If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their IEP or 504, parents/guardians must contact the guidance counselor's office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.