

River Edge Elementary Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The River Edge School District will administer the state testing program to all students in grades 3 through 6 from April 19 – May 19, 2017 (including make-up dates). Again this year, the PARCC assessment ("Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers"), will be used. We have included the testing schedule in this letter and it has also been posted on our district website.

Here are a few reminders and suggestions for parents in preparation for this testing experience. Please encourage your children by reassuring them that they should try their best. Let your children know that this is their chance to be proud of all they have learned. Remind your children to get a good night's rest, eat a balanced breakfast and arrive promptly to school on the mornings of the assessment.

Please remember that the PARCC scores are only one of the multiple measures our district uses to assess student learning. As our instruction is technology-infused, on the PARCC test students will be performing tasks that are very familiar to them. We feel they should be comfortable with this method of assessment. There is an audio component included in this assessment and the schools will provide personal earbuds which will be exclusively dedicated to each student. However, children who are more comfortable with using their own headphones from home may bring them.

Encourage your child to do his or her best but do not worry about "failing" the test. PARCC results will not be used for promotion or report card grades.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact Dr. Tova Ben-Dov, Superintendent of Schools at 201-261-3404 x310 or email bendovt@riveredgeschools.org

Thank you so much for working with our school to help make testing a successful experience for our students.

Best Regards,



Dr. Tova Ben-Dov
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