

September 30, 2016

September is an energetic month in education, and our schools have been awakened by the active presence of our students and faculty. We hope your children have adapted well to the routines of the new school year. It has been a pleasure to meet and speak with many of you during back-to-school night this past week. During back-to-school night, your child's teacher discussed information regarding district curricula, classroom routines, instructional resources, and grade-level assessments.

This week, scores from the spring 2016 PARCC assessment were mailed home to parents of students who took the state assessment. Should you have any questions regarding PARCC scores, please reach out to your child's building principal.

The River Edge School District believes communication is key to enhance the home-school connection. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6*, school districts must provide parents and guardians information regarding assessments that will be administered this academic year. While this may not pertain to parents of students in primary grades, we would like to inform all parents of our district assessments. Should you have any questions regarding any of the assessments noted below, please do not hesitate to reach out.

The River Edge School District looks forward to a successful academic year, with communication at the core of our home-school partnership.

Assessment / Subject Area	Grades	Requirement	Assessment Dates (2016-17)	Results Available
PARCC ELA Math https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests	3-6	Required State Assessment	March 27-May 19 Test dates will vary by grade level. Test duration varies by grade level. (60-110 minutes)	Fall 2017
NJ ASK - Science	4	Required State Assessment	May 31 Test duration 60 minutes	Fall 2017
Linkit! ELA Math	3-6	District Benchmark Assessment	September January June Test duration 45 minutes	Immediate results provided to teachers
ACCESS for English Language Learners	K-6	Required State Assessment	Spring Test duration varies	Fall 2017
DLM*- Dynamic Learning Maps *Alternate Assessments may be determined by a child's Individualized Education Plan	3-6	Required State Assessment	April 03 - May 19 Duration varies	Fall 2017

Please note- If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations by their Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or 504 plan, parent/guardians should contact the Child Study Team office or Pupil Assistance Counselor for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.