



## A Valuable Measure of Student Achievement: The New Jersey PARCC Assessment

### ALL STUDENTS PREPARED FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE

In 2010, New Jersey adopted higher K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Math to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school.

Because we raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, we have also changed the tool we use to measure student progress through our state tests, known as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment.

### PARCC Improves Upon Our Previous Test

The PARCC test is aligned to New Jersey's standards, and provides a more accurate indicator of whether students are on track for the next grade level and on the path to success after high school. Instead of multiple choice questions, students are tested on critical thinking and problem-solving – skills they'll need in school, and beyond.

### The PARCC Test Provides Meaningful Information

These new PARCC test results give a more detailed picture of student learning by providing specific information on which skills students have mastered and where they need additional support. They also help ensure that students are on track for the next grade and, eventually, college and career.

### Participation in Annual Assessments Matters

While no single test can give a complete picture of achievement, when combined with student grades and teacher reports, annual assessments provide important information about student progress.

Having your child take the statewide tests provides educators with information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed.

### NEW JERSEY'S STATE TEST

- **Challenges your child to think critically** & solve real-world problems.
- **Goes beyond multiple choice** and asks students to explain their answers.
- **Provides accurate information** on whether your child is on track.
- **Provides one measure** of your child's academic success.
- **Identifies low and high performing schools** that need support to improve or to share best practices with others.

### STAY INFORMED

Your child's teacher can provide more information about his/her academic performance.

**See the Calendar on the LPS website for Upcoming Important Dates!**