



# THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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### 2016-2017 School Year

#### Dear Parent/Guardian of a Ewing High School Student in Grades 9-11:

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents/guardians with relevant State testing information as it relates to the upcoming **PARCC (Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Careers)**. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has directed New Jersey public school districts to schedule all students in Grades 9-11 to take the appropriate PARCC assessments. Any student taking English I, English II, English II, Algebra I, Geometry, or Algebra II is scheduled for a PARCC assessment.

The PARCC assessments are computer-based and aligned to the Common Core State Standards. PARCC assessments will evaluate a student's progress toward college and career readiness/preparedness. The PARCC assessments are also designed to provide teachers with information to modify instruction and provide student support.

During the fall semester, test dates will be planned for the appropriate PARCC test based on the following schedule. Students in Algebra I-A, Geometry A, and Algebra II-A will take the PARCC test during the Spring semester when they are completing Algebra I-B, Geometry B, or Algebra II-B.

#### **PARCC 2016-2017 Grades 9-11:**

PARCC Fall Block 2016  
PARCC Spring Block 2017

#### **Test Dates**

November 28, 2016 – January 17, 2017  
April 24, 2017 – June 5, 2017

PARCC Test Session Times				
	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Total Time
<b>ELA Grades 9-11</b>	110 min	110 min	90 min	5 hrs, 10 min
<b>Algebra I</b>	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min
<b>Geometry</b>	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min
<b>Algebra II</b>	90 min	90 min	90 min	4 hrs, 30 min

High school students who are in a Biology class during this school year will take the NJBCT in May 2017.

**NJBCT (New Jersey Biology Competency Test): May 31 & June, 1, 2017 (Make-Up Test Dates: June 7 & 8, 2017)**

Visit our website at <http://www.ewing.k12.nj.us/>. On the district home page, scroll down to PARCC Testing Information to learn more about PARCC Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). You will also have the opportunity to peruse practice tests for Grades 9-11.

During PARCC testing, I urge you to ensure your child gets plenty of rest, eats a hearty breakfast and comes to school prepared to focus on the PARCC assessments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this important aspect of your child's school program.

Respectfully,

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