



**Jefferson Township Public Schools
Middle School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As required by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), Jefferson Middle School will administer the PARCC for English/Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, March 27th thru April 3, 2017. Students will sit for one unit of the PARCC per day. Assessments will be delivered online via computer technology. Each testing session will run between 80 and 110 minutes in length. The testing schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 27, 2017	English/Language Arts (Unit 1)	110 Minutes
Tuesday, March 28, 2017	English/Language Arts (Unit 2)	110 Minutes
Wednesday, March 29, 2017	English/Language Arts (Unit 3)	90 Minutes
Thursday, March 30, 2017	Mathematics (Unit 1)	80 Minutes
	Algebra and Geometry only	90 Minutes
Friday, March 31, 2017	Mathematics (Unit 2)	80 Minutes
	Algebra and Geometry only	90 Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2017	Mathematics (Unit 3)	80 Minutes
	Algebra and Geometry only	90 Minutes
April 4-18, 2017	Make-Up Testing (As Needed)	

The PARCC assessments are designed to provide parents with important information regarding their child's progress toward meeting the core curriculum standards as well as the goal of being college and career ready. In addition, the PARCC assessment provides detailed diagnostic information about each student's performance that educators, parents, and students may use to enhance foundational knowledge and student achievement. Also, please note that beginning with the class of 2021, current 8th graders, participation in the PARCC assessment will be a graduation requirement. Further information related to graduation requirements may be found at the following: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parents/GradReq.pdf>

Our faculty has been working to continue to familiarize your child with the PARCC testing platform. In order to better understand the test, I encourage you to log in to the PARCC website (www.parcconline.org) and peruse a practice test. This will give you a better feel for the types of questions to which your child will be expected to respond.

In order to support your child's success and to comply with State testing procedures and security, we are requesting that you, as parents, help us in the following ways:

- Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time. Students arriving late to school will report to a separate room until testing has concluded and will be scheduled for a PARCC make-up session.

- Please make every effort to ensure that your child attends school on testing dates. Students who are absent at any time during PARCC week will be scheduled for a PARCC make-up session.
- Please do not pick up your child while testing is in session. This assists in limiting the number of students who will miss classes in order to make-up tests and removes distractions within the testing room.
- Please remind your child that he/she is not permitted to have a cell phone or any other electronic device in the testing site. Students who use any electronic device during testing will have that section of the test voided and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken as a result.
- Please remind your child that he/she is allowed to use their own headphones/ear buds during certain sections of the testing. They may also have a book to read after they have finished the test each day.
- Finally, please ensure that your child has plenty of rest the evenings before each test and that your child has a good, healthy breakfast so that he/she may perform optimally.

Thank you for supporting your child during this educational assessment. If you have any questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's guidance counselor or me.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kathleen Cutrona
Assistant Principal
Building Test Coordinator

