Dear Parents/Guardians of an 9th Grade Graduating Class of 2021 Student,

East Brunswick Public Schools was very pleased with the results of the PARCC Assessment last year. Over 5800 of our students participated in this State-required Annual Assessment in grades 3 through 11, with a 97% participation rate at Churchill. The PARCC Assessment results provide your child’s classroom teachers with instructional guidance in English Language Arts and Mathematics. In addition, the Parent Reports provide important information concerning your child’s academic progress. We believe that the value of these assessments warrants the approximately 1% of instructional time devoted to testing.

It is important that all students in the class of 2021 participate in the 2018 ELA and Math PARCC assessments.

- Ninth grade students enrolled in Algebra I can meet the math high school graduation requirements this year by taking and passing the PARCC Algebra I assessment.
- Students who met the Algebra requirement in 2017 will take PARCC Geometry in 2018.
- Students who took the PARCC Geometry in 2017 will take PARCC Algebra II.

It is also important that students participate in the PARCC assessments to provide teachers with information to guide instruction for your child (please see below and attached State Assessment Requirements provided by the NJDOE for classes 2021 and beyond). Note that there is no Biology or other State Science Assessment for 9th grade students.

**IMPORTANT GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021**

In order to receive a high school diploma in the State of New Jersey, all students must demonstrate proficiency in Language Arts and Mathematics as prescribed by the Commissioner of Education and State Board of Education in accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:8-5.1.

For the Classes of 2021 and beyond, the Commissioner and State Board of Education have made major changes in the Graduation Assessment Requirements, effective August, 2017. These changes affect your child as a member of the graduating Class of 2021. The requirements for the Classes of 2021 and beyond are different than those for the graduating Classes of 2020, 2019, and 2018. According to the new graduation regulations set by the New Jersey Department of Education, there are only two pathways available to be eligible to graduate for the class of 2021:

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<td>• First Pathway: Take and pass PARCC ELA 10 and take and pass PARCC Algebra 1 assessments*</td>
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See attached New Jersey Department of Education Graduation Requirements, effective August, 2017

*Students who took Algebra in 2017, but who failed to meet the NJDOE State score criteria (see last year’s PARCC parent report to see if your child’s PARCC Algebra score met the standard) must take the PARCC Geometry Assessment this year, and PARCC Algebra II the following year, in order to be eligible to take the State Portfolio Assessment in their senior year.

Students with disabilities are required to participate in Statewide Assessments. In order to meet the graduation requirement, they must participate in at least one administration of an approved high school assessment (PARCC/PSAT/DLM) in English...
Language Arts and Mathematics. Requirements concerning passing the State Assessments for graduation, however, are subject to provisions of their IEP. Most students with IEPs aspire to attend college or career education. Therefore, it is recommended that they take advantage of the state assessment program in order to track their own progress toward meeting higher education requirements.

### 2018 Testing Schedule for Churchill Junior High School

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The PARCC assessments are aligned with curriculum that your child has participated in all year, so no special preparation for testing is necessary. During the assessment period we recommend that you encourage your child to get a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy breakfast.

Parents who after consideration and review of the State PARCC and graduation requirements request non-participation for their child, must:

- Submit a request online by completing the CJHS PARCC Non-Participation Form which is posted on the Churchill website at [https://www.ebnet.org/cjhsparcc](https://www.ebnet.org/cjhsparcc).
- Letters and/or emails will not be accepted.
- The deadline for submission of non-participation online forms is March 15, 2018.

All students will be scheduled and will be expected to participate in PARCC 2018 unless a completed PARCC non-participation request has been received by March 15, 2018. Any student who does not participate in PARCC will be scheduled for study periods and will be required to bring school subject related work and/or a book to read.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Dr. Victor P. Valeski
Superintendent of Schools
## East Brunswick Public Schools Assessment Schedule 2017-2018

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### State Standardized Test Schedule

- **PARCC Language Arts State Assessment**
- **PARCC Mathematics State Assessment**
- **NJSLA Science Test**
- **Dynamic Learning Maps State Assessment/Field Test for 2018**
- **ACCESS for ELLs State Assessment**
- **InView District Assessment**
- **PSAT District Assessment**
- **iReady Diagnostic Screener District Assessment**

### Assessments for Selected Populations

- **PARCC Language Arts**
- **Arts State Assessment**
- **Science State Assessment**
- **Newark Leadership**
- **NJSLA Math**
- **VIEW District Assessment**
- **PSAT District Assessment**
- **iReady Diagnostic Screener District Assessment**

### Max Time Allotment:

- **Gr. 3**: 3.75 hrs
- **Gr. 4**: 11-4 hrs
- **Gr. 5**: 2 hrs; Gr. 8: 3 hrs; Gr. 11: 4 hrs
- **Flexible, individualized testing**
- **2 hrs**
- **2 hrs**
- **2.75 hrs**
- **Approx. 80 Minutes**

### Subjects Covered:

- **English Language Arts, Gr. 3-11**
- **Math Gr. 3-8, Alg 1, Geo, Alg 2**
- **Science, Gr. 5, 8 & 11**
- **Listening, Writing and Speaking**
- **ELA, Math Gr. 3-8, 11**
- **Science - Gr. 5, 8 & 11**
- **Verbal reasoning, sequences, analogies, and quantitative reasoning**
- **ELA, Math Gr. 10, 11 & selected 12**
- **ELA, Math**

### Results Available:

- **Results to district approx. End of June/July 2018; Score Reports to Parents Aug/Sept 2018.**
- **Field Test/No Results Provided in 2018**
- **Score reports to parents approx. July/August 2018**
- **Approx. July 2018**
- **January 2018**
- **November 2017**

## PARCC Resources Online

- **PARCC Parent Resources**
- **PARCC Accessibility and Accommodation Released Items**
- **PARCC Practice Tests**
- **PARCC Information at NJ DOE**

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