

September 30, 2016

September is an energetic month in education, and our school has 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. 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 teacher or building principal.

The Oradell Public 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/guardians information regarding assessments that will be administered this academic year. Should you have any questions regarding any of the assessments noted below, please do not hesitate to reach out.

The Oradell Public 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 JUne 7 (make-ups)	Fall 2017
*APA - Alternative Proficiency Assessment in Science	4	Alternate Assessment	Ongoing	Fall 2017
Linkit! ELA Math	3-6	District Benchmark Assessment	September January June Test duration (45 minutes)	Immediate results provided to teachers
CogAT	3 4	Cognitive Abilities Test	September/October June Test duration varies by grade level. (30-60 minutes)	Fall 2016 Fall 2017
ACCESS for English Language Learners	K-6	Required State Assessment for ESL Students	February 20 to April 14, 2017	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.

*Alternate Assessments are determined based on a child's Individualized Education Plan.