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Re: Notification of Standardized Testing

Families of Rockaway Borough Students:

At the Rockaway Borough School District, we are committed to ensuring that student academic progress is assessed and monitored in a meaningful and non-intrusive manner. As such, our district implements a combination of State-mandated and district-mandated standardized assessments. In an effort to keep you maximally informed, our district has designed reporting procedures to ensure that all parents are provided with their child's standardized performance results to complement the information that we provide on student report cards. It is our intention to compile and share this information with you during conferences (where applicable), at the end of the school year and upon receipt of state reports. In the meantime, if you have any questions about your students' performance during the year on any of these assessments, the results will be provided to you upon request.

I have included the attached table which lists the administered tests, along with information regarding which students will participate and when the results will be available for the 2017-18 school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support for our schools and students.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Alpaugh

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Superintendent of Schools

**Rockaway Borough School District
Calendar of Assessments
2017-2018**

District Testing

Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Dates	Administration Info	Content Area
Renaissance STAR Universal Screenings	Grades 1-8	Fall: September 11, 2017 - October 11, 2017 Winter: January 8, 2018- February 8, 2018 *SGO: March 5, 2018- April 5, 2018 Spring: May 14, 2018- June 14, 2018	Computer Based Benchmark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Grade will not take their first Math Assessment until the Winter Administration. * SGO Administration for teachers using Renaissance as part of their SGOs.	Reading Math
PAR (Predictive Assessment of Reading)	Grade 1	Fall: September - October 2017 Spring: April - May 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific dates will be provided by Reading Specialist 	Computer Scored Benchmark <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At-risk 1st grade students will get an additional PAR assessment mid-year. 	Reading
Guided Reading	Grades K-4	Fall: September 11, 2017 - October 11, 2017 Winter: January 2, 2018- January 29, 2018 *SGO: March 12, 2018- April 12, 2018 Spring: May 14, 2018- June 14, 2018	Fountas and Pinnell Benchmark Assessment System Benchmark * SGO Administration for teachers using Guided Reading as part of their SGOs.	Reading

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State Testing

Assessment	Grade Level(s)	Dates	Administration Info	Content Area
PARCC	Grades 3-8	April 16, 2018- May 25, 2018 Grade Level Dates TBD	Computer Based	ELA Math
ACCESS 2.0	Grades K-8 ELL Students	February 20, 2018- April 13, 2018	Computer Based	Listening Speaking Reading Writing
NJASK	Grade 4 & 8	The New Jersey Department of Education is currently in the process of developing a new science assessment. The assessment will be aligned with the newly implemented New Jersey Student Learning Standards in Science. Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available.		Science
APA (Alternate Proficiency Assessment)	Grades 4 & 8 MD Students			
DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps)	Grades 3-8 MD Students	April 9, 2018-May 25, 2018	Computer Based Adaptive	ELA Math Science