

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Barnegat Township School District uses a number of assessments to measure student achievement and to assist us in designing instruction that meets the needs of all students. We administer testing at various times, with the majority of standardized testing taking place during state prescribed windows in the spring. Exact testing dates and times will be posted on the district website.

PARCC (State Assessment)

Testing window (4/16/18-5/25/18)

New Jersey will again be administering the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in Mathematics and English Language Arts. The PARCC assessments were created to measure student's ability to apply their knowledge of concepts rather than memorizing facts. The PARCC assessments require students to solve problems using mathematical reasoning and to be able to model mathematical principles. In English Language Arts (ELA), students will be required to closely read multiple passages and to write essay responses in literary analysis, research tasks and narrative tasks.

Students will be allowed to utilize the Accessibility Features available to them during testing. Additionally, there will be presentation, response or timing/scheduling accommodations for students with disabilities and English language learners. These are identified through a personal needs profile. For students with IEP's, it would be the child's case manager and for 504 students, this could be the building principal. For more information on the PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations, visit:

<http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/accessibility>

For more information on PARCC testing, visit <http://www.parcconline.org/resources/parent-resources>

If you would like to have your student see Mathematics and Language Arts practice tests visit:

<http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/practice-tests>.

SCIENCE (Grades 5, 8, 11) and ALTERNATIVE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENT- SCIENCE (APA)-(State Assessments)

The NJDOE is in the process of developing a new science assessment. Information regarding this assessment and testing dates will be provided as it becomes available. This includes APA Science.

DYNAMIC LEARNING MAPS (DLM) (State Assessment)

Testing Window (4/9/18-5/25/18)

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is the alternate assessment for students with the most significant intellectual disabilities in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The district administers the DLM in the spring to all students in Grades 3 - 11 who are eligible for the assessment as determined by their IEP team. The assessment is administered via a computer and is administered over the course of several days in the spring. For more information, visit:

http://www.dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/dlm_parent_brochure.pdf

WIDA Screener (Grades K-12)

WIDA Screener is an English language proficiency assessment given to incoming students in Grades 1–12 to assist educators in identifying students as English language learners (ELLs). The purpose of this assessment is to help educators make decisions about whether a student is a candidate for English language support services.

As a flexible, on-demand language proficiency assessment, WIDA Screener can be administered at any time during the school year, depending on the needs of the district, school, teacher, or student. WIDA Screener is available as either a paper-based or online assessment. Both WIDA Screener Paper and WIDA Screener Online assess the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

For more information on the WIDA Screener, visit <https://www.wida.us/FAQs/WIDAScreener.aspx#WhatIs>

**ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 (Grades K-12)
Testing Window (2/20/18- 4/13/18)**

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English.

**CogAT (Grade 2)
Spring 2018**

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) is a group-administered K–12 assessment intended to estimate students' learned reasoning and problem solving abilities through a battery of verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal test items. This test is administered for the purposes of Gifted and Talented Placement only.

SAGES (Grades 3 & 4)

The *SAGES-2* helps identify gifted students in kindergarten through eighth grade. The *SAGES-2* measures both aptitude and achievement. Aptitude is measured via the reasoning subtest. This test is administered for the purposes of Gifted and Talented Placement only.

**PSAT (Grades 10, 11)
10/11/2017**

Over three million high school students take the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) each year. Like the SAT, the PSAT is designed to measure the ability to understand and process elements of reading, writing, and mathematics. Students take the PSAT/NMSQT in their junior year to determine National Merit scholarship eligibility and to prepare for the SAT.

**Advanced Placement (AP) exams (students enrolled in AP courses, BHS only)
5/1/2018-5/12/2018**

Advanced Placement (AP) is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.