

VECC 2018 ASSESSMENT GUIDE

New Jersey has administered statewide assessments since the 1970s and over the years, the testing program has evolved. It began as a measure of basic skills, and after 1996, it has assessed the state’s academic standards. In 2001, under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act*, every state was required to test students in Mathematics and English/Language Arts (ELA) in grades 3 to 8 and grade 11. That mandate is still in effect with the adoption of Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015.

In 2010, New Jersey adopted new, high-quality standards which changed the expectations in ELA and Mathematics to emphasize high-order thinking skills and not just memorizing information. In May 2016, the New Jersey Board of Education adopted revisions to the Mathematics and ELA standards and renamed all areas of the state’s academic standards the New Jersey Learning Standards.

During the 2014-15 school year, New Jersey transitioned from its former assessments to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in Mathematics and ELA. The PARCC assessments more accurately measure the higher-level skills developed un the New Jersey Learning Standards and provide parents and educators with meaningful information to improve teaching and learning.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, beginning in the Fall of 2016, school districts and charter schools must, by October 1 of each year, provide parents and/or guardians certain information on any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year.

Assessment Subject Area	Administration Date and Time	Grades Applicable	Requirement	Results Available	Assessment Information & Practice
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 9-16, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 90 min each*	Grades 3 & 4	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/english/
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: May 9-16, 2018+ Duration: 4 Units approx. 60 min each*	Grades 3 & 4	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 90 min each*	Grade 5	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/english/
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 4 Units approx. 60 min each*	Grade 5	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+	Grade 6	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/english/

	Duration: 3 Units approx. 110 min each*				
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 4 Units approx. 80 min each*	Grade 6	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/math/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 110 min each*	Grade 7	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/english/
PARCC ELA	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 90 min each*	Grade 8	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/english/
PARCC Math	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 80 min each*	Grade 7 & 8	State-mandated	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/math/
PARCC Algebra	Computer Administration: May 1-8, 2018+ Duration: 3 Units approx. 90 min each*	Students enrolled in Algebra I	HS Graduation Required score 750+	Fall 2018	https://parcc.pearson.com/practicetests/math/

+ The Ventnor Educational Community Complex has set the above test windows for Ventnor Elementary School and Ventnor Middle School. Specific test dates for ELA and Math, within the window listed, will be distributed early 2018.

*If a student is permitted extra time or any other accommodations as per their IEP or 504, parents/guardians should contact their guidance office for additional details on accommodations and accessibility options.