

GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

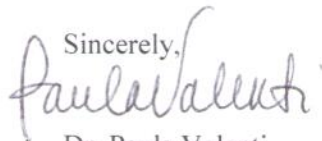
New Jersey schools will soon administer the third year of PARCC Assessments. State law and regulations require *all* public school students take state assessments. Once again, this year, several Glen Rock Public Schools are required to implement action plans aimed at increasing PARCC participation rates. This correspondence is part of the district-level action plan.

It is important that parents understand that all high school students must satisfy a testing requirement for graduation, and the 2017 PARCC test results will also be used in making class placement decisions. While the NJDOE does allow students to satisfy the graduation requirement by attaining a certain score on other standardized tests, it is important to note that the PARCC test scores may also be used to satisfy those requirements. Parents of junior level students should contact their child's Guidance Counselor to be certain they are on track to meet NJDOE, and local, graduation requirements.

The New Jersey Department of Education requires student participation in state-required assessments, there is no "opt out" protocol by which parents can elect to have their child(ren) exempted from taking the test. If parents refuse to allow their child to take the PARCC assessment, they must submit **a signed, written letter** to the building principal, email is not acceptable. This notice of test refusal must be submitted no later than ten (10) business days before the testing window begins. **The due date is March 10, 2017 for both grades 3 through 8 and for high school.** Once a test refusal is recorded within the NJSMART system it cannot be reversed and parents should be aware that those students who do not test will not receive a PARCC score report.

The district considers the administration of the PARCC assessment to be our curriculum for those days when testing is scheduled. Therefore, there will be no alternate instruction or curriculum for students who refuse to test.

Please be in touch with your child's school principal, or Mr. Wolff, District Director of Student Personnel Services should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,


Dr. Paula Valenti
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