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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Jeffrey B. Hauger, Ed.D., Director
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SUBJECT: 2016 – 2017 School Year Testing Calendar

This memorandum is to inform districts of the 2016 – 2017 school year testing calendar for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) Science (Grades 4 & 8); New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT) Science (High School); Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) Science; Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM); PARCC Portfolio Appeals; and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Please review the attached calendar and see additional details below.

Each PARCC testing window (Fall Block, Regular, and Spring Block) provides a time period that exceeds 30 days in length so that local districts can select the preferred 30 consecutive days within that window. Schools are expected to create their own testing schedules, based on technology capabilities and school calendars, and may utilize no more than 30 consecutive school days per testing window. Schools can administer multiple units per day and can test in the morning and the afternoon; however, individual students cannot take more than two units per day.

The Department appreciates feedback from educators regarding the assessment calendar, and is ready to provide assistance to districts in scheduling the assessments. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of Assessments at 609-984-6311 or assessment@doe.state.nj.us. Thank you.

Attachment

JBH/2016-2017testingcalendar

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ASSESSMENT	GRADE	COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	PAPER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW
PARCC Fall Block Administration	High School	November 28, 2016 – January 17, 2017	November 28, 2016 – December 9, 2016
PARCC Regular Administration	Grades 3 - 8	March 27, 2017 – May 19, 2017	March 27, 2017 – April 7, 2017
	High School	March 27, 2017 – May 19, 2017	March 27, 2017 – April 7, 2017
PARCC Spring Block Administration	High School	April 24, 2017 – June 5, 2017	April 24, 2017 – May 5, 2017
Portfolio Appeals	High School	January 9, 2017 – May 12, 2017	
ASSESSMENT	GRADE	COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	PAPER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW
NJ ASK Science	Grades 4 and 8		May 31, 2017 Make up day: June 7, 2017
NJBCT Science	High School		May 31, 2017 – June 1, 2017 Make up day: June 7, 2017 – June 8, 2017
ASSESSMENT	GRADE	COMPUTER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW	PAPER ADMINISTRATION WINDOW
DLM	Grades 3-8 and 11	April 3, 2017 – May 19, 2017	
APA - Science	Grades 4, 8, and High School	September 1, 2016 to November 11, 2016 First Collection Period	December 5, 2016 to February 10, 2017 Second Collection Period
NAEP	NAEP 2017: Reading and Mathematics for Grades 4 and 8; and Writing for Grades 4, 8, and 12 Administration Dates: January 23, 2017 – March 3, 2017 Makeup Administration: March 6, 2017 – March 10, 2017		