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## Updates: Summer 2018 Administration of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

This memo provides school districts with a schedule and information for the Summer 2018 Administration of Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), which now includes English language arts/literacy (ELA) assessments at the high-school level.

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) provides the Summer 2018 PARCC administration for Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2, and, for the first time, ELA 9, ELA 10 and ELA 11.

### Circumstances When Students May Need to Take Summer PARCC Assessments

Districts need to administer the above assessments for circumstances that may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Students enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing course during the summer need to take the PARCC assessment associated with the course. Regardless of when a credit-bearing summer-school course begins or ends, students must be tested during the Summer 2018 testing window. This includes students repeating a course (credit recovery) *as well as* students taking the course for the first time. Please refer to the [2017-2018 PARCC Clarification Document](#) for additional guidance. All PARCC assessment policies regarding Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, ELA 9, ELA 10 and ELA 11 detailed in this document also pertain to the Summer 2018 PARCC Administration.
- 2) The Summer 2018 PARCC Administration provides a retest opportunity for students who have previously not passed Algebra 1 PARCC or ELA 10, but passed an Algebra 1 course or ELA 10 course. Please review the test requirements in the August 7, 2017 memo, [PARCC Algebra 1 Retake for Graduation Requirements](#). Summer 2018 Algebra 1 or ELA 10 retest students enrolled in a credit-bearing summer course **must** be tested by the district providing that course; Algebra 1 or ELA 10 retest students receiving other forms of remediation **must** be tested by their accountable district.
- 3) Students may need to take PARCC to meet their assessment graduation requirement ([High School Assessment Graduation Requirements](#)). For example, if a student has previously passed an Algebra 1 or ELA 10 course at a private school or a school in a state that does not administer PARCC, the student may be administered PARCC Algebra 1 or ELA 10 without any remediation or instruction prior to taking the assessment. If the student does not pass the PARCC Algebra 1 or ELA 10 assessment, then the student will need to be remediated in order to retake the PARCC Algebra 1 or ELA 10 assessment. Students who did not take a PARCC test that is needed to meet their graduation assessment requirement in Spring 2018 can take Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra 2, ELA 9, ELA 10 and/or ELA 11 without any remediation or instruction prior to taking the assessment.

## Districts Responsible for Summer 2018 PARCC Assessment

Both the computer-based assessment and paper-based assessment will have a two-week testing window that will run from July 30 through August 10, 2018. Please save your Spring 2018 PARCC manuals, as they will be used for the Summer 2018 PARCC Administration.

The student's district is responsible for uploading the student registration and personal needs profile (SR/PNP), and it is considered the responsible/accountable district and the testing district if:

- A student is enrolled in a district-approved, credit bearing summer course in the student's own district, or
- A student is enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing summer course **not** provided by a New Jersey public school (i.e., online course or private school provided courses, etc.).

If a student is enrolled in a district-approved, credit-bearing summer course at a neighboring public school district – this scenario is similar to a temporary summer out-of-district placement (ODP) – the temporary summer ODP is responsible for the upload of the SR/PNP to the PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup> website and for testing the student. The student's district is the responsible/accountable district and the district providing the summer course is the testing district.

### Initial Student Registration/Personnel Needs Profile (SR/PNP) Upload and Other Key Dates

The SR/PNP upload for districts administering the Summer 2018 PARCC Administration will begin on June 4, 2018. On-Demand Reports for the Spring 2018 PARCC administration will become available on June 14, 2018. Detailed guidance for running On-Demand Reports will be available in a PARCC Bulletin in advance of June 14. As with all other PARCC test administrations, the SR/PNP can be edited to add or remove students throughout the testing window, which is July 30, 2018 through August 10, 2018.

The [Spring 2018 Student Registration/Personal Needs Profile Field Definitions](#) will be used for the Summer 2018 PARCC Administration. Please refer to this document for additional information on how to use the SR/PNP template to upload data to PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup>.

Contact the Pearson helpline at (888) 493-9888 or [parcc@support.pearson.com](mailto:parcc@support.pearson.com) for questions about the SR/PNP upload. Districts should **not** contact NJSMART regarding the PARCC summer SR/PNP upload process.

The PARCC assessment is a computer-based assessment, but in limited circumstances students will need to take the assessment using paper and pencil. *Paper and pencil versions of the assessments must be ordered through the additional orders process, which will begin on June 29, 2018.* The NJDOE will review the SR/PNP data submitted by districts to PearsonAccess<sup>Next</sup> and may contact districts to verify the accuracy of the student counts or delivery mode if any anomalies are detected.

For more information regarding summer administration key dates, please review the "[New Jersey PARCC Summer 2018 Key Dates](#)" webpage.

For questions regarding the summer test administration, please check the [PARCC website](#) for updates, or contact Veronica Orsi, the NJDOE's PARCC high school coordinator, at (609) 376-3467 or [veronica.orsi@doe.nj.gov](mailto:veronica.orsi@doe.nj.gov).

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