

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Students in New Jersey public schools will be participating in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments again this year. 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 principal of their child’s school; E- mail will not suffice. This notice of refusal to test must be submitted no later than ten (10) business days before the testing window begins. At Byrd School we will be administering the assessment to fourth and fifth grade students on April 4<sup>th</sup>, and to third grade students on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The tests are a week long.

The due date for letters submitted is March 21<sup>st</sup> for grades four and five and April 5<sup>th</sup> for third grade.

Students who do not take the PARCC assessment will be assigned to a room in the school where the test isn’t being administered. 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 take the 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 do not take the test.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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