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## **Revisions to State Testing**

Dear Lumberton families,

As promised by Governor Murphy, state tests have been revised to reduce the amount of time students spend on assessments. As a result, the Lumberton School District testing schedule has also been revised. The new schedule is outlined here and can also be accessed on "PARCC Place", on the Lumberton website curriculum tab. We appreciate your patience as we make adjustments in response to changes at the state level. Also in this letter is a description of the actual revisions that have been made to the tests. We are optimistic that the resulting assessments will provide us with meaningful data about student learning in our schools while decreasing the testing burden for everyone. Our students will spend more time learning, and that is a definite positive.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

### **REVISED TEST SCHEDULE**

**Grade 3** (Ashbrook) May 1-7 (One unit each day)

**Grades 4 & 5** (Bobby's Run) May 2-8 (One unit each day)

**Grades 6-8** (Lumberton Middle School) May 13-15 (One ELA and one Math unit days 1 and 2. One Math unit on day 3.)

**Science testing for grades 5 and 8** will take place on May 21 and 22 (Two units each day).

### **TEST REVISIONS:**

#### ***State Assessment Name Change***

The state of New Jersey ended its membership in the interstate consortium that produced the PARCC assessment. The test will still be computer-based and will be taken on the same platform as in the past; however, the revised assessments will be called NJSLA (New Jersey Learning Assessments).

## ***Reduced Number of Units and Time of Units.***

A comparison of PARCC and NJSLA assessments follows:

<b>Grades</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>PARCC (2018)</b>	<b>NJSLA (2019)</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>ELA (Language Arts)</b>	<b>3 units</b> 75 minutes each Total time: 225 minutes	<b>2 units</b> 75 minutes each Total time: 150 minutes
	<b>Math</b>	<b>4 units</b> 60 minutes each Total time: 240 minutes	<b>3 units</b> 60 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes
<b>4 &amp; 5</b>	<b>ELA (Language Arts)</b>	<b>3 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 270 minutes	<b>2 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes
	<b>Math</b>	<b>4 units</b> 60 minutes each Total time: 240 minutes	<b>3 units</b> 60 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes
<b>6-8</b>	<b>ELA (Language Arts)</b>	<b>3 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 270 minutes	<b>2 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes
	<b>Math</b>	<b>3 units</b> 80 minutes each Total time: 240 minutes	<b>3 units</b> 60 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes
<b>Algebra students</b>	<b>Algebra I</b>	<b>3 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 270 minutes	<b>2 units</b> 90 minutes each Total time: 180 minutes

Best Regards,

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