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SUBJECT: Testing Calendar for 2014-2015 School Year

Attached is the 2014-2015 school year calendar for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC); High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA); New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) Science (Grades 4 & 8), New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT), Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA), Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM), Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA) and the National Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP). Please review this information carefully.

**New Jersey's Proposed Testing Calendar 2014-2015**

**Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)**

Below are the PARCC testing windows when districts must administer the Performance-Based Assessment (PBA) and the End-of-Year (EOY) components of the PARCC assessment. However, schools will create their own testing schedule based on their technology capabilities and school calendars. Schools can administer the PARCC assessments in the morning and the afternoon. Further guidance for schools regarding scheduling within the testing window, block scheduling and the paper and pencil test accommodation will be forthcoming.

At the high school level, the PARCC PBA test window overlaps with the last re-take of the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA). Schools will differ in the number of students required to take the HSPA and so the Office of Assessments is providing high schools a choice on when they want to schedule the HSPA re-take and PARCC overlap. The first option is to have the same PARCC PBA testing window as the grades 3-8 assessment. The second option is to suspend PARCC PBA testing during the 10 day window of HSPA testing (March 2 through March 13, 2015) to focus on the paper-based administration of the HSPA and then resume PARCC PBA testing March 16, 2015 and continue through April 2, 2015. If districts choose option #2, districts need to notify the Office of Assessments by written correspondence no later than **January 30, 2015**. The default high school testing window is option 1.

Performance-Based Component

PARCC (grades 3 through 8)	March 2, 2015 through March 27, 2015	Computer-Based Testing
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Option #1

PARCC (High School)	March 2, 2015 through March 27, 2015	Computer-Based Testing
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Option #2

PARCC (High School)	February 20, 2015 through April 2, 2015 (10 day break for HSPA testing – no PARCC Testing from March 2, 2015 through March 16, 2015)	
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End-of-Year Component

PARCC (All grade levels)	April 27, 2015 through May 22, 2015	Computer-Based Testing
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**High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA)**

The two remaining HSPA administrations are opportunities for all retained-eleventh graders, twelfth graders, retained-twelfth graders, returning students, and adult high school students who have not passed the HSPA. First time eleventh graders will not be administered HSPA.

High School Proficiency Assessment	October 7, 8, 9, 2014	Paper-Based Testing
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High School Proficiency Assessment	October 14, 15, 16, 2014 (Make-up Administration)	Paper-Based Testing
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High School Proficiency Assessment	March 3, 4, 5, 2015	Paper-Based Testing
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High School Proficiency Assessment	March 10, 11, 12, 2015 (Make-up Administration)	Paper-Based Testing
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**New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK) - Science (Grades 4 & 8)**

Grade 4 & 8 Science	May 27, 2015 (Regular Administration)	Paper-Based Testing
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Grade 4 & 8 Science	May 28, 2015 (Make-up Administration)	Paper-Based Testing
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### **New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)**

New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)	May 26, 27, 2015 (Regular Administration)	Paper-Based Testing
New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)	May 28, 29, 2015 (Make-up-Administration)	Paper-Based Testing

### **Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) - Science**

Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) Science	September 2, 2014 through November 14, 2014 (Collection Period 1)	Portfolio-Based Assessment
Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) Science	December 8, 2014 through February 13, 2015 (Collection Period 2)	Portfolio-Based Assessment

### **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) - Alternate Proficiency Assessment**

The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) is an adaptive computer-based assessment that will be administered to the one percent of students with the most significant cognitive impairments. The assessment is aligned to the Common Core State Standards and students will be administered the test in English Language Arts and Mathematics in grades 3-8 and 11. Below is the testing window in which the summative assessment will need to be administered. However, schools will create their own testing schedule based on their technology capabilities and school calendars. Further guidance for schools regarding scheduling within the testing window will be forthcoming. Students in grades 4, 8 and high school will also need to be administered the Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA) in Science using the portfolio-based assessment.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) (Summative) Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA)	April 6, 2015 through May 1, 2015	Computer-Adaptive Testing
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### **Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA)**

Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA)	January 12, 2015 through February 6, 2015 (Testing Window 1)	Paper-Based Testing
Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA)	March 23, 2015 through April 17, 2015 (Testing Window 2)	Paper-Based Testing
Alternative High School Assessment (AHSA)	June 15, 2015 through June 26, 2015 (Testing Window 3)	Paper-Based Testing

**National Assessment Educational Progress (NAEP)**

National Assessment  
Educational Progress (NAEP)

January 26, 2015 through March 6, 2015

The department appreciates the feedback it receives regarding assessment scheduling. If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Office of Assessments, at 609.984.6311 or email [assessment@doe.state.nj.us](mailto:assessment@doe.state.nj.us).

Thank you.

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