

Dear Parent/Guardian:

In the spring, your child participated in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) tests to measure his or her academic progress with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Evaluating the results from PARCC testing can be a helpful tool in measuring your child's success in school, and it is just one of the many ways your child's teachers and administrators can determine whether he or she is on track to being college- and career-ready. New Jersey has had statewide tests for decades, and they have served as a small, but important part of assessing our students' annual progress.

This year's scores are being returned much sooner to schools and parents. The faster turnaround gives educators a greater opportunity to use the results to tailor classroom instruction to support individual students.

The Individual Student Reports included have been improved based on feedback from parents and educators. You will receive an individual score report for each subject tested, English language arts, mathematics, and science if applicable.

The PARCC Individual Student Reports contains a written explanation indicates where your child is doing well, and where he or she may need additional help. There are also charts and graphics that show you how well your student is performing in relation to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/), and how your student's performance compares to other students in his or her school, district, and state.

For more information about your child's Individual Student Report, please see the enclosed Parent Guide or visit UnderstandTheScore.org. Additional support resources can be found on the NJDOE website (www.state.nj.us/education/).