

FIVE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YEAR TWO OF PARCC

IMPROVEMENTS FOR YEAR TWO OF PARCC

SPRING 2015 PARCC

VS.

SPRING 2016 PARCC

ONE TESTING WINDOW

Two testing windows last year have been reduced to just one testing window this year.



LESS TESTING TIME

Overall, the tests are 90 minutes shorter.



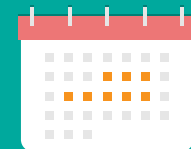
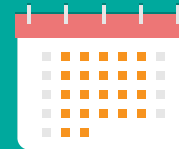
FEWER TEST QUESTIONS

There are fewer testing sessions than last year—six or seven sessions this year versus eight or nine.



FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Under the new condensed schedule, most districts are expected to complete testing in two weeks or less.



DATA BACK FASTER

Results will begin returning to districts around the end of current school year, and parent reports are expected to be released over the summer. This is several months sooner than the last year.



The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment is one tool used to provide schools with information to improve classroom instruction, and give parents valuable feedback about their child's progress. PARCC was administered for the first time in spring 2015, and improvements were made to the assessment based on that experience for the second administration in spring 2016. For more information visit the NJDOE website: www.state.nj.us/education/