

WALTER T. BERGEN SCHOOL

Memorandum

Date: April 3, 2009
To: Parents of Walter T. Bergen School Students
From: M. Picone, School Counselor
Subject: Spring 2009 NJ ASK Testing

NJ ASK testing will begin in our school on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, and over the course of several weeks, will be given to students in all grade levels. Tests are given to be certain that each district in New Jersey is addressing the criteria set forth in the Core Curriculum Standards. To that extent, the *No Child Left Behind* initiative has mandated the administration of this testing to ensure that your child is achieving the required skills that will make him/her successful throughout his or her life.

These tests are given on predetermined dates, which are mandated by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, to guarantee that each school district and every child in that district is administered the test at the same time and under the same conditions, to prevent any child or district from having an unfair advantage. **As always, we are asking for assistance by making sure that your child comes to school, is not tardy and is well rested. It is also very important that children have a good, nutritious breakfast each morning, so that they can perform at optimal levels during the testing period. Testing will begin immediately following attendance and lunch count on each day of testing.**

The testing periods will run as follows:

Testing Schedule NJ ASK 7-8

Test Date	Grade/Test Taken	Approximate Testing Time
Tues., April 29	Grade 8-LA- Day 1	Grade 8- 105 min.
	Grade 7-LA- Day 1	Grade 7- 105 min.
Wed., Apr. 30	Grade 8- LA- Day 2	Grade 8- 110-130 min.
	Grade 7- LA- Day 2	Grade 7- 110-130 min.
Thurs., May 1	Grade 8-Math-Day 1	Grade 8- 128 min.
	Grade 7- Math -Day 1	Grade 7- 49 min.
Fri., May 2	Grade 8- Sci.-Day 1	Grade 8- 120 min.
	Grade 7- Math-Day 2	Grade 7- 69 min.

Testing Schedule NJ ASK 5-6

Test Date	Grade/Test Taken	Testing Time
Mon., May 11	Grade 6-LA-Day 1	105 min.
	Grade 5-LA-Day 1	90 min.
Tues., May 12	Grade 6-LA-Day 2	110-130 min.
	Grade 5-LA-Day 2	90 min.
Wed., May 13	Grade 6-Math-Day 1	45 min.
	Grade 5-Math- Day 1	45 min.
Thurs., May 14	Grade 6-Math-Day 2	69 min.
	Grade 5-Math Day 2	69 min.
Fri., May 15	Grade 6 only In View Testing	1 hr. 45 min.

The sixth grade students will also be taking the In-View portion (Cognitive Skills Index) of the Terra Nova test on Friday, May 15, 2009. Although this is not state mandated, it is a test our district gives to our sixth grade students every year to help develop a comprehensive profile of each student’s ability and achievement level.

It is extremely important that all our students are tested during the assigned testing times. If students need to be removed from school for any reason, please do not sign them out until that day’s test is concluded.

Additionally, students will not be permitted to enter the classroom late once testing begins. If a child misses a portion of the test due to tardiness, that portion of the test will have to be made up during the week of testing make-ups.

Make up testing will be scheduled as follows:

NJ ASK 7-8- Tests will be made up on assigned days during the week of May 4, 2009.

NJ ASK 5-6- Tests will be made up on assigned days during the week of May 18, 2009.

As can be seen, strict guidelines must be adhered to when administering the NJ ASK. We are confident that our students will do a wonderful job this year, and hope this helps as you formulate your calendars for the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

A copy of the NJ ASK 2009 *Parent, Student, and Teacher Information Guide*, will be sent home with students prior to spring break. Please be sure to look for it!