

Midland Park Public Schools



*2014-2015 District Testing Report
NJ Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK), Grades 4 & 8
NJ Biology Competency Test (NJBCT), Grade 11*

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Benefits of Standardized Assessments

- ✓ *To provide teachers with data on their students so they may prepare meaningful instruction that meets the needs of all of the students.*
- ✓ *To cull information on a particular student's individual school progress.*
- ✓ *To evaluate the educational programs, which are in place in our classrooms.*
- ✓ *To provide data and information on students who are having academic difficulties. Such data and information may be shared with the I&RS Committee and Child Study Team.*

Benefits of Standardized Assessments

- ✓ *Teachers are expected to analyze and evaluate the score reports in order to identify which skills represent areas of growth, as well as which skills are areas of strength for their students.*
- ✓ *Teachers are able to use the data to assist student progress by assisting them in the effective use of their existing skills and knowledge. Further, teachers use the data to focus on students' skills and knowledge that need reinforcement.*
- ✓ *Teachers are provided with criteria specific information that shows in detail the categories that need to be addressed through classroom instruction.*
- ✓ *Parents are provided with specific information on how their child has performed on the various subtests.*

NJDOE-mandated Assessment Scoring

Student achievement categorized and reported in three groupings:

- *Advanced Proficient is determined by a score of 250 or higher;*
- *Proficient is determined by a score between 200 and 249;*
- *Partially Proficient is determined by a score of less than 200.*

NJASK Science, Gr. 4 & 8

Assessment	Advanced Proficient	% Proficient	% Partially Proficient
<i>NJASK Science, Gr. 4, Class of 2023, (70 students tested)</i>	54.3% Statewide: 47.2% DFG: 58.9%	37.1% Statewide: 43.4% DFG: 36.6%	8.6% Statewide: 9.4% DFG: 4.5%
<i>Total Proficiency Midland Park: 91.4%</i>		<i>Total Proficiency Statewide: 90.6%</i> <i>Total Proficiency DFG: 95.5%</i>	
<i>Total Partial Proficiency Midland Park: 8.6%</i>		<i>Total Partial Proficiency Statewide: 9.4%</i> <i>Total Partial Proficiency DFG: 4.5%</i>	
Assessment	Advanced Proficient	% Proficient	% Partially Proficient
<i>NJASK Science, Gr. 8, Class of 2019, (92 students tested)</i>	16.3% Statewide: 19.3% DFG: 27%	65.2% Statewide: 57.7% DFG: 58.5%	18.5% Statewide: 23% DFG: 14.5%
<i>Total Proficiency Midland Park: 81.5%</i>		<i>Total Proficiency Statewide: 77%</i> <i>Total Proficiency DFG: 85.5%</i>	
<i>Total Partial Proficiency Midland Park: 18.5%</i>		<i>Total Partial Proficiency Statewide: 23%</i> <i>Total Partial Proficiency DFG: 14.5%</i>	

NJBCT, Grade 11

Assessment	Advanced Proficient	% Proficient	% Partially Proficient
<i>NJBCT, Gr. 11, Class of 2016, (67 students tested)</i>	13.4% Statewide: 13% DFG: 15.7%	56.7% Statewide: 44.8% DFG: 52.3%	29.9% Statewide: 42.2% DFG: 32%
<i>Total Proficiency Midland Park: 70.1%</i>		<i>Total Proficiency Statewide: 57.8%</i> <i>Total Proficiency DFG: 68%</i>	
<i>Total Partial Proficiency Midland Park: 29.9%</i>		<i>Total Partial Proficiency Statewide: 42.2%</i> <i>Total Partial Proficiency DFG: 32%</i>	

The Future of Standardized Testing in NJ

- *Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessments, computer-based tests;*
- *PARCC testing in Spring of 2016;*
- *PARCC revisions to test items and testing time under review;*
- *Anticipated release of student score reports for the 2015 PARCC--end of November 2015;*
- *PARCC assessments replace NJASK assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics;*
- *NJASK Science tests for Grades 4 & 8 continue;*
- *NJBCT administered to students enrolled in Biology.*