

# WEST DEPTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_:

In a couple weeks, WDHS students enrolled in the courses below will take the PARCC assessment. In order to ensure optimal testing conditions for those students who will be testing each day, there will be a delayed opening for all other students who are NOT testing. To understand the testing schedule, please see the personalized testing schedule which outlines each of the six days of testing that relates to your child.

## On April 5<sup>th</sup>

- All students enrolled in an Algebra I or English III course will be taking the ALG1 and ELA11 PARCC exams. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled in an Algebra II course will be taking the ALG2 PARCC exam.
- Upon entrance to school at 7:30am, Algebra I (and select Algebra II) students will report directly to their testing room locations listed below. All English III students will report directly to the Auditorium for a brief Study Hall period. ELA11 PARCC testing will commence at approximately 8:15am in the assigned testing rooms below.

## On April 6<sup>th</sup>

- All students enrolled in a Geometry or English III course will be taking the GEO their testing room locations listed below. All English III students will report directly to the Auditorium for a brief Study Hall period. ELA11 PARCC testing will commence at approximately 8:15am in the assigned testing rooms below.

## On April 7<sup>th</sup>

- All students enrolled in an Algebra I, Geometry, or English III course will be taking the ALG1, GEO, and ELA11 PARCC exams. All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students currently enrolled in an Algebra II course will be taking the ALG2 PARCC exam.
- Upon entrance to school at 7:30am, Algebra I (and select Algebra II) as well as English III students will report directly to their testing room locations listed below. All Geometry students will report directly to the Auditorium for a brief Study Hall period. GEO PARCC testing will commence at approximately 9:15am in the assigned testing rooms below.

*\*\*Special Note: Any AP ENGLISH III student who already registered to take the AP English III Language and Literature Exam in May is exempt from taking the PARCC this week. You may arrive to school at 10:15am each morning along with the other late arrival students. If you are enrolled in AP ENGLISH III and did NOT register to take the AP Exam in May, you are required by state code to sit and take this PARCC assessment.*

Wed., April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Room	Thurs., April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Room	Fri., April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Room
ALG I 7:30am start time		GEOMETRY 7:30am start time		ALG I 7:30am start time	
ALG II (10 <sup>th</sup> graders) 7:30am start time		ELA 11 8:15am start time		ALG II (10 <sup>th</sup> graders) 7:30am start time	
ELA 11 8:15am start time				ELA 11 7:30am start time	
				GEOMETRY 9:15am start time	

## On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

- All students enrolled in an English I, English II, and Algebra II course will be taking the ELA9, ELA10, and ALG2 PARCC exams.
- Upon entrance to school at 7:30am, all English I and English II students will report directly to their testing room locations listed below. All Algebra II students will report directly to the Auditorium for a brief Study Hall period. ALG2 PARCC testing will commence at approximately 8:30am in the assigned testing rooms below.

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*The mission of the West Deptford Public Schools, valuing our tradition of excellence, is to develop well rounded, motivated, 21st century thinkers. As a result, learners will transition from competent students to productive and responsible citizens.*

Mon., April 10th	Room	Tues., April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Room	Wed., April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Room
ELA 9 7:30am start time		ELA 9 7:30am start time		ELA 9 7:30am start time	
ELA 10 7:30am start time		ELA 10 7:30am start time		ELA 10 7:30am start time	
ALG II 8:30am start time		ALG II 8:30am start time		ALG II 8:30am start time	

On the above testing dates, all students *who are testing* will report to school at their regularly scheduled start time (7:30am). It is imperative that all students testing are present each day, arrive on time, and leave their cell phones at home or place them in their lockers upon arrival. **If your child has a cell phone on his/her person during the testing period, your child's test will be VOIDED.** We are asking that you work with us to reinforce the importance of leaving the cell phone in the lockers as this is a state test of record requirement for graduation. We do not want to endanger anyone's chances of having a test voided for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your assistance!

Those students in classes *who are not scheduled to take the PARCC* as outlined above will have a delayed arrival to school on those days. A second run of buses will pick up these students at their usual bus stops and bring them to school. Bus drivers will announce to the students the time they should be at their bus stops for these days. A general rule of thumb, however, is if students are usually at their bus stop thirty minutes before the start of a regular school day, they should also report to their bus stop thirty minutes prior to the start of the delayed school day. For example, those students who arrive at their bus stop by 7:00am for a 7:30am start on a regularly scheduled school day should arrive at the bus stop by 9:45am for a **10:15am start** on the delayed school day. Students who drive to school **should report by 10:15am each day.**

**On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>– ALL non-testing 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students**

- Report directly to the high school auditorium upon arrival at 10:15am.
- Students who do not report on time will be marked late to school and could serve subsequent disciplinary consequences.

**On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> – ALL non-testing 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students**

- Report directly to the high school auditorium upon arrival at 10:15am.
- All students will be dismissed from their testing room locations and the auditorium at the same time – between 10:15 and 10:20am.

Once testing is completed each day, ALL students will report to their HR for attendance and then Periods 4-7 (lunch periods). Each testing day will end with an additional period (1, 2, 3, or 8). These details will be disseminated to the students by their classroom teachers the week prior to testing AND will be displayed in HR each day.

We encourage you to visit our High School web page, where you can find a link to an array of PARCC resources. Once you enter the HS page, please find the Curriculum tab in the top tool bar > scroll down to Testing Information > PARCC. On this page you will be able to access a PARCC overview for parents, updated graduation requirements, and other beneficial resources.

I would be happy to clarify/answer any questions you may have about our testing and the upcoming schedule and our state mandated graduation requirements. If you should have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

*Kelly A. Saia*

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