

Overview of New Jersey's Statewide Testing Program

New Jersey has been committed to standards based assessments for almost forty years.

- 1975 Public School Education Act (PSEA) established uniform standards of minimum basic communication and computational skills.
- 1978 All 3rd, 6th and 9th grade students participated in the Minimum Basic Skills (**MBS**) testing program for reading and math.
- 1981-1982 Ninth (9th) Grade students were required to pass the **MBS** as one of the requirements for high school diploma.
- 1983 Grade 9 High School Proficiency Test (**HSPT**)
- 1985-1986 **HSPT** required for graduation
- 1988 **HSPT** continued 9th – 11th grade
- 1988 Early Warning Test (**EWT**) for grade 8 to serve as an early benchmark for program planning.
- 1996 New Jersey State Board of Education adopted Core Curriculum Content Standards. (Expectations at the end of grades 4 and 8)

As a result of the NJCCCS...

- 1997-2002 Elementary School Proficiency Assessment (**ESPA**)
- 2007 – 2008 Grade Eight Proficiency Test (**GEPA**) replaced the **EWT**
- 2001 High School Proficiency Assessment (**HSPA**) replaced the **HSPT 11** as the NJ graduation test.
- 2001 No Child Left Behind (NCLB)
- 2003 New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (**NJASK**) grades 3 & 4
- 2006 **NJASK** includes grades 5 through 7th
- New Jersey assessment system then included **NJASK 3-8, HSPA, and Alternate Proficiency Assessment (APA)**
- June 2010 Common Core State Standards (CCSS)
- 2011 NJ joined the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (**PARCC**)
- 2014 – 2015 **PARCC** replaces **NJASK 4-8** and **HSPA**