

## Rockaway Township School District

### Procedures for students whose parents refuse to have their child participate in the PARCC exams:

- A letter should be submitted to the building principal stating the reason for refusal.
- Student will be placed in an alternate location within the building, as determined by the principal.
- Student will be encouraged to bring a text or texts of their choice for silent reading / completion of work while peers are tested.
- Student will remain in this alternate location for the duration of the testing period.
- No makeup instruction will be provided, as the instructional agenda for a portion of the day is the PARCC assessment.
- Please Note that the last day a parent refusal letter is February 27, 2015.

Please be advised, “The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires schools with students in grades three through 12 to demonstrate Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). In order to make AYP, a school must ensure that assessments have been taken by at least 95% of enrolled students in each subgroup – special education, English Language Learners, low income, race/ethnicity. Federal funding of key education programs is dependent upon districts meeting this requirement”.

David C. Hespe, Acting Commissioner of Education, October 30, 2014