

See How Your School Scored on PARCC Exams

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The PARCC Exams, The Source Of So Much Parental and Student Anxiety Last Year, Is Kicking Up Dust Again.

The state Department of Education on Tuesday released more detailed data on the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, or PARCC, showing how districts, schools and students in specific subgroups performed on the exams. The test was administered for the first time last spring to students in grades 3 to 11 in math and language arts.

The newly released batch of student test scores will give parents and educators the opportunity to draw comparisons between schools and districts across the state, and better understand where and why students are falling behind.

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The exam, tied to tougher academic benchmarks known as Common Core, was designed to push critical thinking skills and better identify student abilities, education officials said. Students receive scores from level 1 to 5. Those who score level 4 or 5 are considered to be meeting grade-level expectations.

But PARCC unleashed fury among parents who said the new exam was prompting overtesting in the classroom and eating away at teachers' time to teach. Many chose to opt their children out of taking the exams.

The new data also show how many students in each grade did not take the exam but do not specify how many of those students opted out. Students may be absent for exams or miss them because of medical emergencies.

Among some highlights in the data:

The third-graders at Frederic W. Cook Elementary School in Plainfield tested the highest in math among the 10 city schools, with 46 percent of students meeting or exceeding expectation. Sixth-grade students at Bound Brook Elementary fared the lowest in Somerset County in that grade level in math and language arts at 18 and 21 percent, respectively. Of the 443 11th-graders at Plainfield High School who took the math test, 52 percent met partial expectations.

South River 11th-graders did the best in Middlesex County in that grade in language arts (66 percent).

Montgomery 11th-graders scored the highest for that level in Somerset County in the language portion at 86 percent.

18.6 percent of the sixth-graders in the three New Brunswick elementary schools met or exceeded standards in language and 10.3 percent were proficient in math.

11th-grade students at Perth Amboy High School scored 6.7 percent in Algebra I and 9.5 percent in Algebra II.

Plainfield Superintendent of Schools Anna Belin-Pyles said many factors need to be considered when analyzing the data.

“Like many districts, we (Plainfield) are reviewing data and putting strategies in place to positively impact students,” she said. “We need to pay close attention to factors such as changing demographics, growth and technological challenges.”

As PARCC testing arrives, Asbury Park Press looks closely at the education gap impacting low-income families. Kala Kachmar/ Asbury Park Press Kala Kachmar

Improving student achievement

Statewide PARCC figures were first released this October, showing less than half of students in grades 3 to 11 met grade-level expectations. In some cases, results showed 20 percentage point drops from previous standardized tests, although the state cautioned against making direct comparisons because the tests are tied to different, less rigorous education standards.

“Now that we’re entering the second year of PARCC testing, educators and parents are seeing the benefits of PARCC,” state Education Commissioner David C. Hesse said in a statement. “They see it’s the most effective assessment tool the state has ever had, and they see how it can help improve teaching and learning in ways that our old tests never could. And that’s precisely where the focus should be: Improving the education we provide to children.”

The top performing school districts in language arts include:

Percentage of Hunterdon County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Bethlehem – 82.7

East Amwell – 74.2

Three Bridges (Readington) – 67.3

Percentage of Hunterdon County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Tewksbury – 87.3

Union – 86

West Amwell (South Hunterdon) – 83.8

Percentage of Hunterdon County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

North Hunterdon – 69.5

Hunterdon Central – 56.5

Voorhees – 55.2

Percentage of Middlesex County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Cranbury – 83.3

Monmouth Junction (South Brunswick) – 78.9

James Madison (Edison) – 77.5

Percentage of Middlesex County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Woodrow Wilson (Edison) – 85.5

Cranbury – 84.4

John Adams (Edison) – 84

Percentage of Middlesex County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Middlesex County Allied Health – 100

South River – 66.1

Highland Park – 61.5

Percentage of Somerset County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Mount Prospect (Bernards) – 83.5

Hamilton (Bridgewater-Raritan) – 78.2

Woodland (Warren) – 76.4

Percentage of Somerset County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Bedminster – 85.2

Bernards – 83.3

Watchung – 77.9

Percentage of Somerset County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Montgomery – 86.2

Ridge – 67.7

Bernards – 63.7

Percentage of Union County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

William F. Holloran (Elizabeth) – 88.3

Washington (Summit) – 86

Terrence C. Reilly (Elizabeth) – 85.7

Percentage of Union County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Terrence C. Reilly (Elizabeth) – 91.6

Salt Brook (New Providence) – 84.5

Terrill (Scotch Plains-Fanwood) – 83.6

Percentage of Union County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Union County Allied Health – 100

Union County Information Technology – 96.8

Union County Performing Arts – 89.7

The top performing school districts in math include:

Percentage of Hunterdon County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Copper Hill (Flemington-Raritan) – 74.7

Whitehouse (Readington) – 73.3

Barley Sheaf (Flemington-Raritan) – 72.4

Percentage of Hunterdon County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Franklin –76

Frenchtown – 73.3

Clinton – 72.2

Percentage of Hunterdon County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

North Hunterdon – 69.9

Voorhees – 47.7

Hunterdon Central – 44.7

Percentage of Middlesex County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Woodbrook (Edison) – 87.3

Monmouth Junction (South Brunswick) – 84.7

John Marshall (Edison) – 81.4

Percentage of Middlesex County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

John Adams (Edison) – 76.8

Cranbury – 76.6

Woodrow Wilson (Edison) – 75.7

Percentage of Middlesex County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Middlesex County Math, Science & Engineering – 100

Middlesex County Allied Health – 86

J.P. Stevens (Edison) – 68.2

Percentage of Somerset County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Mount Prospect (Bernards) – 87.9

Hamilton (Bridgewater-Raritan) – 83.8

Crim (Bridgewater-Raritan) – 82.6

Percentage of Somerset County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Bernards – 78

Warren – 70

Montgomery – 69.9

Percentage of Somerset County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Ridge – 69.1

Montgomery – 64.7

Hillsborough – 42.3

Percentage of Union County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

William F. Halloran (Elizabeth) – 94.2

Thomas P. Hughes (Berkeley Heights) – 80.8

Terrence C. Reilly (Elizabeth) – 79

Percentage of Union County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Terrence C. Reilly (Elizabeth) – 87.8

Salt Brook (New Providence) – 79.4

Terrill (Scotch Plains-Fanwood) – 72.8

Percentage of Union County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Union County Magnet – 94.4

Union County Information Technology – 87.5

Union County Allied Health – 85.5

The school districts with the lowest performing students in language arts*:

Percentage of Hunterdon County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Francis A. Desmares (Flemington-Raritan) – 33.6

Kingwood – 35.3

Lambertville (South Hunterdon) – 45

Percentage of Hunterdon County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Holland – 46.3

High Bridge – 55.2

Milford – 57.1

Percentage of Hunterdon County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

South Hunterdon – 28.6

Delaware Valley – 44.7

Percentage of Middlesex County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Roosevelt (New Brunswick) – 6.8

Lord Stirling (New Brunswick) – 9.1

Lincoln (New Brunswick) – 12.3

Percentage of Middlesex County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Jonas Salk (Old Bridge) – 6

New Brunswick – 8.9

William C. McGinnis (Perth Amboy) – 9.9

Percentage of Middlesex County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Perth Amboy – 11.2

Middlesex County Career Development – 11.5

Monroe – 22.4

Percentage of Somerset County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Stony Brook (North Plainfield) – 16.7

West End (North Plainfield) – 16.8

Pine Grove Manor (Franklin) – 17.6

Percentage of Somerset County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Bound Brook – 21

North Plainfield – 21.3

Somerville – 30.5

Percentage of Somerset County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Bound Brook – 25.5

Somerville – 25.9

Manville – 27.6

Percentage of Union County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Charles H. Stillman (Plainfield) – 2

Winfield Scott (Elizabeth) – 3.6

John Marshal (Elizabeth) – 3.9

Percentage of Union County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Dr. Antonia Pantoja (Elizabeth) – 10.3

George Washington Academy (Elizabeth) – 11.5

John Marshal (Elizabeth) – 12.9

Percentage of Union County 11th-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Roselle – 4.4

Thomas Edison Tech – 6.5

Plainfield – 10.7

The school districts with the lowest performing students in math*:

Percentage of Hunterdon County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Tewksbury – 34.4

Lambertville (South Huntedon) – 42.5

Alexandria – 42.5

Percentage of Hunterdon County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Holland – 40

Bloomsbury – 42.8

High Bridge – 43.2

Percentage of Hunterdon County high school students who met of exceeded Algebra II expectations

South Hunterdon – 6

Delaware Valley – 26

Percentage of Middlesex County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Lincoln (New Brunswick) – 13.1

Chester Redshaw (New Brunswick) – 15.5

McKinley (New Brunswick) – 15.8

Percentage of Middlesex County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Jonas Salk (Old Bridge) – 5.9

New Brunswick – 6.6

William C. McGuinness (Perth Amboy) – 7.2

Percentage of Middlesex County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Piscataway Tech – 1.3

Perth Amboy Tech –1.5

East Brunswick Tech – 1.8

Percentage of Somerset County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

West End (North Plainfield) – 16.3

Bound Brook – 17.5

Stony Brook (North Plainfield) – 22.9

Percentage of Somerset County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

North Plainfield – 17.3

Bound Brook – 18

South Bound Brook – 23.9

Percentage of Somerset County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Bound Brook – 5.1

North Plainfield –14.7

Somerville – 15.1

Percentage of Union County third-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Clinton (Plainfield) – 4.2

Woodland (Plainfield) – 8.3

George Washington Academy (Elizabeth) – 9.8

Percentage of Union County sixth-graders who met or exceeded expectations

Charles J. Hudson (Elizabeth) – 8.7

John Marshal (Elizabeth) – 9.1

George Washington Academy (Elizabeth) – 9.6

Percentage of Union County high school students who met or exceeded Algebra II expectations

Roselle – 0

Hillside – 2.6

A.L. Johnson (Clark) – 3.2

*Students who were not yet meeting level expectations and scored a level 1.

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