



The River Vale E-Review

September 15, 2017



Superintendent's Update

Dear River Vale Parents/Guardians and Community Members:

The school-year has started, our classrooms are in full-swing, and teachers and students are focused on our ultimate mission of teaching and learning!

The River Vale School District believes in setting the standard for what excellence in education should look like in a K-8 public school district. As we continue evolving to prepare students for a changing world, some of our key teaching and learning goals this year will be:

- Continue transforming our curricular and instructional practices to match the district's [Portrait of a Graduate](#), with a particular focus on improving students' ability to collaborate and communicate, and really defining what we mean by that
- Use *Twitter*, *Facebook*, and the district's new website to provide parents a closer look into our schools
- Implement Canvas district-wide for both students and parents
- Collaborate with our regional partners to finalize new K-8 mathematics curriculum for the 2018-2019 school-year

Also, we appreciate feedback from parents and want to work in partnership with you to support our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher(s) with any questions or concerns you might have about your child's education. Similarly, please always feel free to contact your building principal about any school-based issues, and myself with any district-wide issues you might have.

The 2017-2018 school-year will be an exciting one and we look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we remain "Committed to Excellence" for the students of our district!

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Notification of Standardized Assessments

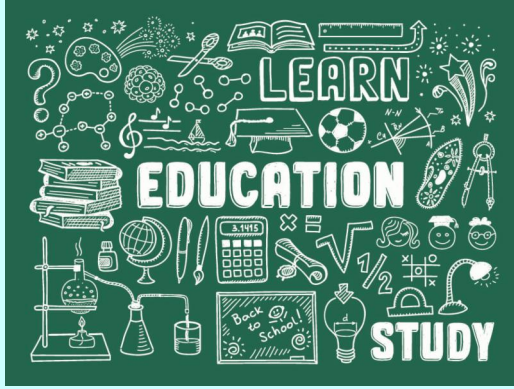
Each school year, students are administered state assessments or commercially-developed standardized assessments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A and New Jersey Department of Education mandates. The New Jersey Department of Education also requires that local school districts inform parents of the following:

- Grades 4 and 8 take *NJASK* Science tests in early June 2018;
- Grades 3-8 will take [PARCC](#) testing in late April/early May 2018;
- Testing will be scheduled in the morning hours of the school day;
- All students will be provided sufficient time to complete assessments;
- Should a student require accommodations as outlined in an IEP, additional information will be provided by the Guidance office;
- The district also uses two other assessments, not required by the New Jersey Department of Education, which are *Renaissance Learning* and the *InView Test of Cognitive Reasoning*. To learn more about these two assessments, please click on the links below:

[InView](#)

[Renaissance Learning](#)

District Assessment Report



At the October 17th Board of Education meeting, Mr. McCourt and Mrs. Dowling will present the annual District Assessment Report, which will include an overview of various assessments utilized in the district, including last year's *PARCC* and *NJASK* Science results. If you are interested in learning more, please attend the October 17th Board of Education meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Roberge School Annex.

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