



# UNION COUNTY VOCATIONAL - TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

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## UCVTS Assessment Schedule 2017-2018 School Year

New Jersey law requires that, by October 1st of each school year, public school districts provide parents or guardians of enrolled students information on any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in a given school year. Please find information below on the assessments that will be administered at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

- **PSAT/NMSQT:** The PSAT/NMSQT will be administered on October 11, 2017 to all students in grades 10 and 11. This assessment contains three sections (Evidence-Based Reading, Writing & Language, and Mathematics), and has a total duration of 2 hours and 45 minutes. A student's IEP or 504 plan will determine applicable accommodations in concert with College Board. This assessment is not required by the State, however, the assessment provides valuable information for our school district and opens up scholarship possibilities for students, including but not limited to National Merit Scholarships. Students and Parents/Guardians can access sample questions and answers by visiting the College Board website. Student results are expected to be available in January, 2018.
- **ACT Aspire:** The ACT Aspire will be administered on October 11, 2017 and October 12, 2017 to all students in grade 9. This assessment covers five content areas (English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing), and has a total duration of 4 hours and 35 minutes. A student's IEP or 504 plan will determine applicable accommodations. This assessment is not required by the State, however, the assessment provides valuable information for our school district and offers students exposure to the structure of the ACT assessment. Students and Parents/Guardians can access sample questions and answers by visiting the ACT website. Student results are expected to be available in February, 2018.
- **PARCC:** The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) will be administered during a testing window beginning on April 16, 2018 and concluding on May 25, 2018. (Note: Students are NOT testing every day throughout this window. The UCVTS exact testing schedule will be distributed to parents/guardians in the upcoming months.) All students in grades 9 through 11 are required to take their respective grade-based English assessment, which will consist of four units administered over several days. Students in Combined Algebra, Geometry/Trigonometry, or Math Analysis are required to take the Algebra 1, Geometry, or Algebra 2 Mathematics assessments, respectively. The Mathematics assessments contain three units also administered over several days. The PARCC assessment is required by the State of New Jersey. Students and Parents/Guardians can access sample questions and answers by visiting the PARCC website at <http://parcc-assessment.org/>. Student results are expected to be available by September, 2018.
- **AP Exams:** Several Advanced Placement (AP) exams are offered to the students of UCVTS based on enrollment in AP courses, not based on specific grade level. AP exams will be administered between May 7, 2018 and May 18, 2018 as set forth by the 2018 College Board testing schedule. We

encourage you to visit [www.apcentral.collegeboard.com](http://www.apcentral.collegeboard.com) to identify specific test dates, locate practice questions and solutions, and learn more about score availability.

- **Science Assessment:** New in the 2017-2018 school year, the New Jersey Department of Education has recently released a memo which outlines the anticipation of a new science assessment to be administered in the spring of 2018. Whereas in the past New Jersey students were required to take an end of course (EOC) assessment in Biology, the new assessment will shift to one which is comprehensive in nature and which is to be administered to all students at the end of grade 11. The assessment will be aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science and will be delivered in an online format. Specific information regarding a testing window or dates has not yet been released. More information for families will follow in the upcoming weeks and months.
- **UCVTS Vocational Exams:** Each of the five UCVTS full-time high schools and our shared-time programs administers specific vocational assessment(s). These assessments are required as a part of our NJ State vocational program approvals. The details of these assessments vary by vocational focus and years completed in the program. They occur at different times of the school year depending on the specific vocation. A student's IEP or 504 plan will determine applicable accommodations. Please contact the building principal of your child's school for more specific information about these assessments, resources for preparation, and when/how they are administered.