

# REGIONAL ISSUE BRIEF

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## South Jersey PARCC Results for the 2014-2015 School Year

This year, the New Jersey Department of Education has replaced the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) with a test from the Partnership for Assessment and Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). Our municipal infographics focus on the results of the PARCC test for fourth and eighth graders across all eight of our focal South Jersey counties. Because the 2014-2015 school year was the first year that the PARCC test was given, this report does not focus on comparisons across years. As a result, this analysis demonstrates how school districts in South Jersey perform relative to their counterparts in North and Central Jersey. These ranks were calculated using the Mean Scale Score variable. Charter schools were eliminated from this analysis.

### *4<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts*

There were 568 school districts included in this analysis. Districts ranked 558 to 568 had missing values.

**Table 1: Five Highest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 4<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts**

Municipality	County	Rank
Lavallette Boro	Ocean	13 / 568
Chesterfield Township	Burlington	54 / 568
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Ocean	61 / 568
Bayhead Boro	Ocean	65 / 568
Haddonfield Boro	Camden	75 / 568

**Table 2: Five Lowest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 4<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts**

Municipality	County	Rank
Camden City	Camden	556 / 568
Downe Township	Cumberland	555 / 568
Wildwood City	Cape May	554 / 568
Bridgeton City	Cumberland	553 / 568
Fairfield Township	Cumberland	552 / 568

### *4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math*

There were 568 school districts included in this analysis. Districts ranked 558 to 568 had missing values.

**Table 3: Five Highest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

Municipality	County	Rank
Logan Township	Gloucester	49 / 568
Haddonfield Boro	Camden	58 / 568
Chesterfield Township	Burlington	61 / 568
Riverton	Burlington	68 / 568
Linwood City	Atlantic	71 / 568

**Table 4: Five Lowest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 4<sup>th</sup> Math**

Municipality	County	Rank
Camden City	Camden	556 / 568
Fairfield Township	Cumberland	554 / 568
Wildwood City	Cape May	550 / 568
Downe Township	Cumberland	548 / 568
Salem City	Salem County	544 / 568

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts**

There were 512 school districts included in this analysis. Districts ranked 503 to 512 had missing values.

**Table 5: Five Highest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Linwood City</b>	Atlantic	6 / 512
<b>Bayhead Boro</b>	Ocean	23 / 512
<b>Margate City</b>	Atlantic	51 / 512
<b>Haddonfield Boro</b>	Camden	54 / 512
<b>Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional</b>	Salem	72 / 512

**Table 6: Five Lowest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English and Language Arts**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional</b>	Salem	502 / 512
<b>Camden City</b>	Camden	501 / 512
<b>Paulsboro Boro</b>	Gloucester	499 / 512
<b>Pleasantville City</b>	Atlantic	498 / 512
<b>Lakehurst Boro</b>	Ocean	494 / 512

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

There were 507 school districts included in this analysis. Districts ranked 469 to 507 had missing values.

**Table 7: Five Highest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Riverton</b>	Burlington	5 / 507
<b>North Wildwood City</b>	Cape May	6 / 507
<b>Weymouth Township</b>	Atlantic	21 / 507
<b>Linwood City</b>	Atlantic	32 / 507
<b>Gloucester City</b>	Camden	35 / 507

**Table 8: Five Lowest Ranking South Jersey Districts – PARCC 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Rank</b>
<b>Camden City</b>	Camden	465 / 507
<b>Paulsboro Boro</b>	Gloucester	464 / 507
<b>Woodland Township</b>	Burlington	463 / 507
<b>Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional</b>	Salem	460 / 507
<b>Middle Township</b>	Cape May	459 / 507

These results suggest a relationship between wealth and educational performance. Districts in known wealthy areas such as Haddonfield Boro in Camden County and Chesterfield Township in Burlington County were consistently ranked near the top while districts in poor areas like Camden City in Camden County and Penns Grove – Carneys Point Regional in Salem County were consistently ranked at the bottom. It is worth noting that South Jersey districts performed well on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade exams with three municipalities placing in the top ten statewide for either test—Linwood City in Atlantic County, Riverton in Burlington County, and North Wildwood City in Cape May County. In contrast, no municipalities ranked in the top ten statewide for either 4<sup>th</sup> grade test and only two ranked in the top 50—Lavallette Boro in Ocean County and Logan Township in Gloucester County.