



What to Expect with PARCC

Partnership Assessment for Readiness for College and Career

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Why PARCC?

- › PARCC not only evaluates a student's progress, but also provides useful information for teachers and parents to identify where a student needs help, or is excelling, so they are able to improve instruction to meet the needs of the student.
- › PARCC allows the schools to identify how well they are preparing students for the next grade level, and provides valuable information for instructional decisions.

When are the Testing Windows?

- › Performance Based Tasks
 - March 16th to April 10th

- › End of Year Assessments
 - May 4th to May 29th

Will Students Test Everyday of the Window?

		PBA* Unit 1	PBA Unit 2	PBA Unit 3	EOY* Unit 1	EOY Unit 2
Grade 3 ELA	Unit Time	75	75	60	75	-
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	50	50	40	50	-
Grade 3 Math	Unit Time	75	75	-	75	75
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	50	50	-	50	50
Grades 4-5 ELA	Unit Time	75	90	60	75	-
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	50	60	40	50	-
Grades 4-5 Math	Unit Time	80	70	-	75	75
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	55	50	-	50	50
Grades 6-8 ELA	Unit Time	75	90	60	60	60
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	50	60	40	40	40
Grades 6-8 Math	Unit Time	80	70	-	80	75
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	55	50	-	60	50
Grades 9-11 ELA	Unit Time	75	90	60	60	60
	<i>Est. Time on Task</i>	50	60	40	40	40
Algebra I, Geometry, Integrated Math I, II	Unit Time	90	75	-	80	75

Why are there Two Testing Windows?

- › Assessment Components:
 - **Performance-Based Assessment (PBA)** administered in March.
 - The ELA/literacy PBA: writing effectively when analyzing text.
 - The mathematics PBA: applying skills, concepts, and understandings to solve multi-step problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance, and strategic use of tools
 - **End-of-Year Assessment (EOY)** administered in May.
 - The ELA/literacy EOY: reading comprehension.
 - The math EOY: innovative, machine-scorable items

How Does PARCC Align to our Curriculum?

- › Curriculum alignment ensures that standards are incorporated into our curriculum in ELA and math
- › The assessment will provide us with an external measurement of our students' progress toward proficiency in reading, writing, communication, problem solving and mathematics
- › The assessment will allow us to compare our students' readiness across RI and other PARCC states

What Are the Areas of Focus?

ELA/Literacy

Read sufficiently complex texts independently

Write effectively to sources

Build and present knowledge through research

Math

Solve problems: content and mathematical practice

Reason mathematically

Model real-world problems

Have fluency with mathematics

Test Design

- › During the PARCC tests, students will be reading real text passages, writing essays, solving real-world mathematics problems and doing other academic work that is aligned with the curriculum and mirrors strong instructional practices.
- › **For updated sample tests go to:**
- › <http://www.parcconline.org/computer-based-samples>

How are Students Prepared for the Technology?

- › During the 2013-2014 school year, students at all levels participated in a Pilot Test
- › Students have access to online learning tools such as TenMarks and Learnzillion to become accustomed to online learning tools
- › Increased focus on keyboarding skills across content areas
- › The increase in Chromebooks allows us to create a flexible testing window

What Grades and Courses will Test?

- › All students in grades 3 to 8 test in Math and English Language Arts.
- › In grades 9 and 10 all students will test in English Language Arts.
- › Students taking Algebra I or Geometry will also take PARCC.
- › Students who take Algebra I in 8th grade, will take the Algebra PARCC in 8th grade, Geometry in 9th and ELA in 8th, 9th and 10th grades.

Can My Child Receive Accommodations?

- › PARCC provides for a wide range of accommodations available for all students
- › Individualized accommodations are available through student Individualized Education Plan, 504 and English Language Learner Plans
- › To access the full range of accommodations, click here:

http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/parcc-accessibility-features-accommodations-manual-11-14_final.pdf

What Will We Do With the Results?

- › Data will be considered as one of the multiple measures we use to make curriculum adjustments, provide interventions, and provide enrichment
- › Data will be used to determine tech preparedness and to determine if additional supports are needed
- › Data will be compared to state and national scores to determine Barrington's readiness

When Will We Receive the Results?

- › Since this is the first testing year, and norms need to be established, we will not have results until late fall of 2015
- › In future years, the district will have the results prior to summer vacation and can use this information as part of instructional decisions unlike NECAP
- › Note: There is no change in the data we collect between PARCC and NECAP

Is the Student Data Protected?

- › Yes, and the data collected is the same as it was under NECAP
- › PARCC'S Privacy Policy is FERPA Compliant:
- › www.parcconline.org/data-privacy-security
- › Guidance on PARCC from the Federal Trade Commission: <http://www.ftc.gov/news-events/blogs/business-blog/2015/01/testing-testing-review-session-coppa-schools>

What is Required for USDOE Accountability?

- › PARCC participation and performance are factors in the school's accountability ranking: commended, leading, typical, warning, focus and priority.
- › There will be no school rankings other than commended in 2014-2015.**
- › As a federal requirement, schools are expected to meet a minimum of 95% participation on PARCC to meet the accountability system requirements.

Is this a High-Stakes Test?

- › For the Classes of 2015 and 2016, PARCC is not a RI graduation requirement, and is not included on report cards or transcripts.
- › PARCC results will be on transcripts as of 2017.
- › ***RIDE may determine that PARCC becomes a RI graduation requirement in the future.



Questions?

If you have specific questions about your child and the PARCC Assessment, please make an appointment with the appropriate building principal.