
PARCC Resources for Parents and Families

Parent Academy for Student Success #2 Measure What Matters: Assessing Student Learning and The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Assessment (PARCC)

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Assessment, known as PARCC, is New Jersey's new state test. It addresses longstanding concerns that parents, educators and employers have about current state assessments. Many current tests do not measure the ability of students to think critically and apply their knowledge rather than just memorize facts. The new assessments will ask students to answer a variety of types of questions, show their work, and explain the reasoning behind their answers.

It is important to note that the high unemployment rate among recent high school and college graduates is causing people to rethink their assumptions about our education system and question whether the traditional model of teaching and assessing student learning is serving children's best interests. This, and other related issues, is not without questions, concerns, and conversations in New Jersey. These discussions are important and should move forward as new information grows when New Jersey students take the test for the first time this year.

There is a lot of information about PARCC on the Internet. PASS 2 guidance documents and partnership supports around the PARCC assessments are not intended to "reinvent the wheel," but rather to provide resources, materials, and guided opportunities to work in the best interest of the children we share. The Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS) model is an important tool for educators and parents to discuss and learn more about the new state test, PARCC.

Resources

- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>: Visit the NJDOE webpage on PARCC.
- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/parcc/brochure.pdf> - See a PARCC Brochure for general information.
- [Information on PARCC Technology Readiness in New Jersey](#): Review technology preparations.
- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/schedule.pdf>: Review the PARCC schedule.
- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/history.shtml>: Review the historical context of PARCC in NJ>
- <http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/accommodations/>: Review testing accommodations.
- [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#): Learn about the nation's report card.
- [PARCC FAQs](#): See frequently asked questions about the PARCC assessment.
- [PARCC Fact Sheet](#): Learn more about the PARCC assessment.
- [PARCC Glossary](#): Learn the terms used to talk about the PARCC assessment.
- [PARCC Overview PowerPoint](#): An overview of the PARCC assessment, including a description of why the new assessments ensure our students are prepared for college and careers.

- [A New Vision of Assessment PPT](#): Learn how PARCC is different from current assessments. ([Document version](#)).
- [Expanding Access — A Parent's Guide](#): Learn why the PARCC assessment accommodates all students.

NJ District Guidance

- [PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations Manual Review - Webinar](#)
- [Testing Accommodations for English Learners \(EL\)](#)
- [Preparing for the PARCC Field Test: Training for Test Administrator](#)
- [Preparing for the PARCC Field Test: Training for Test Coordinators](#)
- [PARCC administration Guidance](#)
- [PARCC Calculator Policy](#)

NJDOE Memos

- 1/20/15 [Preparation for the 2014-2015 Dynamic Learning Maps \(DLM\) Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities](#)
- 1/13/15 [PARCC Technical training memo](#)
- 12/23/14 [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) Test Administration and District Test Coordinators Manuals](#)
- 12/16/14 [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) Trainings](#)
- 12/16/14 [PARCC training locations](#)
- 12/16/14 [Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) Updates PARCC Computer Based Assessments Guide](#)
- 12/9/14 [NJSMART PARCC Registration](#)
- 12/2/14 [Just released: PARCC Field Test: Lessons Learned](#)
- 12/2/14 [Participation in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) Voluntary Diagnostic Field Test](#)
- 10/21/14 [Clarification Document Regarding Partnership for Assessments of Readiness for College and Careers \(PARCC\) End-of-Course Mathematics and English Language Arts Assessments](#)
- 9/29/14 [Test Administration Times for PARCC Assessments, Spring 2015](#)
- 9/9/14 [Update: Statewide Assessment Calendar for 2014-2015 School Year](#)

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