

PARCC Q & A



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PARCC FUNDAMENTALS

Next Generation Assessments

- What does “Next Generation” mean?
 - Higher rigor, aligned to DC’s college- and career-ready standards
 - Available for computer administration, with technology enabled item types and new features

Next Generation Assessments 14-15

| Subject | Current | Future |
|-----------|--------------------|---|
| Reading | DC CAS Reading | PARCC ELA |
| Math | DC CAS Math | PARCC Math |
| Writing | DC CAS Composition | PARCC ELA |
| Science | DC CAS Science | NGSS Assessment |
| Health | DC CAS Health | Next Gen Health |
| Alternate | DC CAS Alt | NCSC (National Center and State Collaborative) and DC CAS Alt Science |

Introduction to PARCC

- PARCC is DC's Next Generation Assessment of the Common Core State Standards in math and ELA/literacy, replacing DC CAS in math, reading and composition.
- Grades 3-8 and once in high school.
 - Required High School Assessments: Geometry or Integrated Math II and High School ELA II

What is the PARCC Consortium?

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

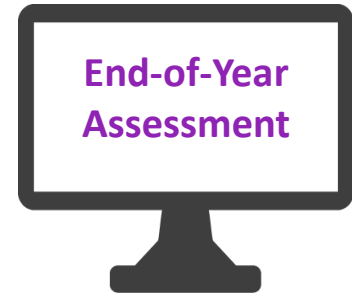
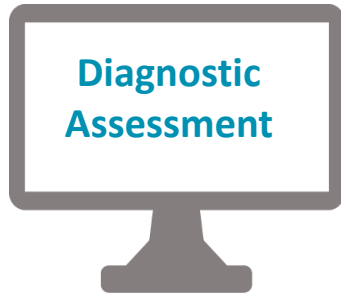
1. Multistate group developing common, high quality **English language arts and Literacy (ELA)** and **mathematics tests** for **grades 3–11**
 - a) Linked to what students need to know for college and careers
 - b) Computer-based (paper available)
2. Includes two summative assessment components, for use starting in the 2014-15 school year:
 - a) Performance-Based Assessment (PBA)
 - b) End-of-Year Assessment (EOY)
3. Plus, non-summative components

PARCC Design

Beginning of
School Year

End of
School Year

← Flexible administration →




75% of school
year

90% of school
year

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PARCC Design: Summative



Performance-Based Assessment

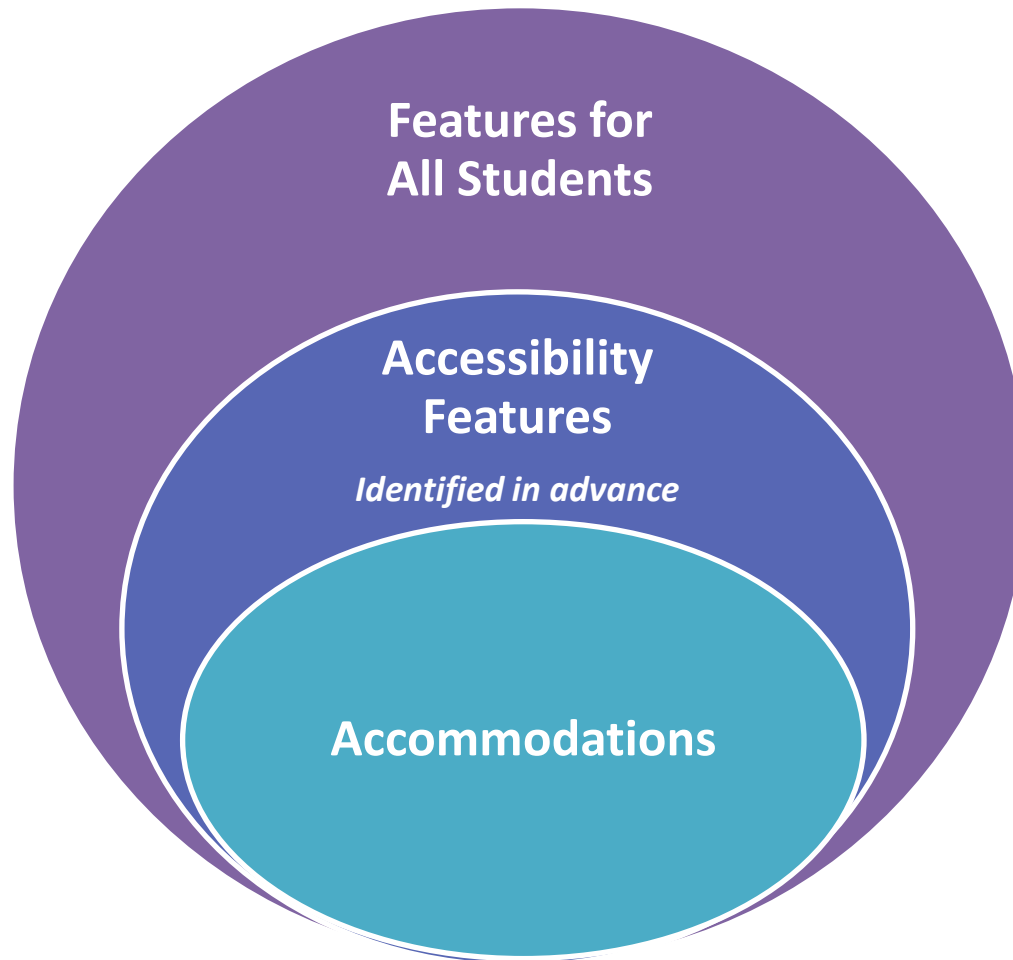
- After 75 percent of the school year
- Extended tasks, applications of concepts and skills
 - **ELA/literacy:** Writing effectively when analyzing text, research simulation
 - **Math:** Solving multistep problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance and strategic use of tools



End-of-Year Assessment

- After 90 percent of the school year
- Innovative, short-answer items
 - **ELA/literacy:** Reading comprehension
 - **Math:** Short items that address both concepts and skills

PARCC and Accessibility



Accommodations and Accessibility

<http://osse.dc.gov/service/testing-accommodations>

- Recent recorded webinars on SEDS updates, accommodations for students with disabilities and English learners, and accessibility features.
- Crosswalks of DC-CAS to PARCC accommodations



ORIENTATION TO PARCC ONLINE RESOURCES

For Educators

- Professional Development Modules:
<http://parconline.org/professional-learning-modules-parcc-assessments>
- Assessment Blueprints:
<http://parconline.org/assessment-blueprints-test-specs>
- Performance Level Descriptors:
<http://parconline.org/plds>
- Model Content Frameworks:
<http://parconline.org/mcf/mathematics/parcc-model-content-frameworks-browser>

For Student Readiness

- Tutorials: <http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>
- Practice Tests (now also available in printable format!): <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>
- Sample Items: <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>

Test Coordinators and Administrators

- PARCC Training Site:
<http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/>
- PARCC Manuals: <http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/>
- Pearson Access Next:
<http://parcc.pearson.com/pearsonaccess/>
- Administration Guidance:
<http://www.parcconline.org/assessment-administration-guidance>

For Technology Readiness

- Technology Specs:

<http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>

- System Check: <http://systemcheck.parcc.testnav.com/>

- Infrastructure Trials:

<http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>



PARCC SCHEDULING

Scheduling PARCC

- What do you need to know?

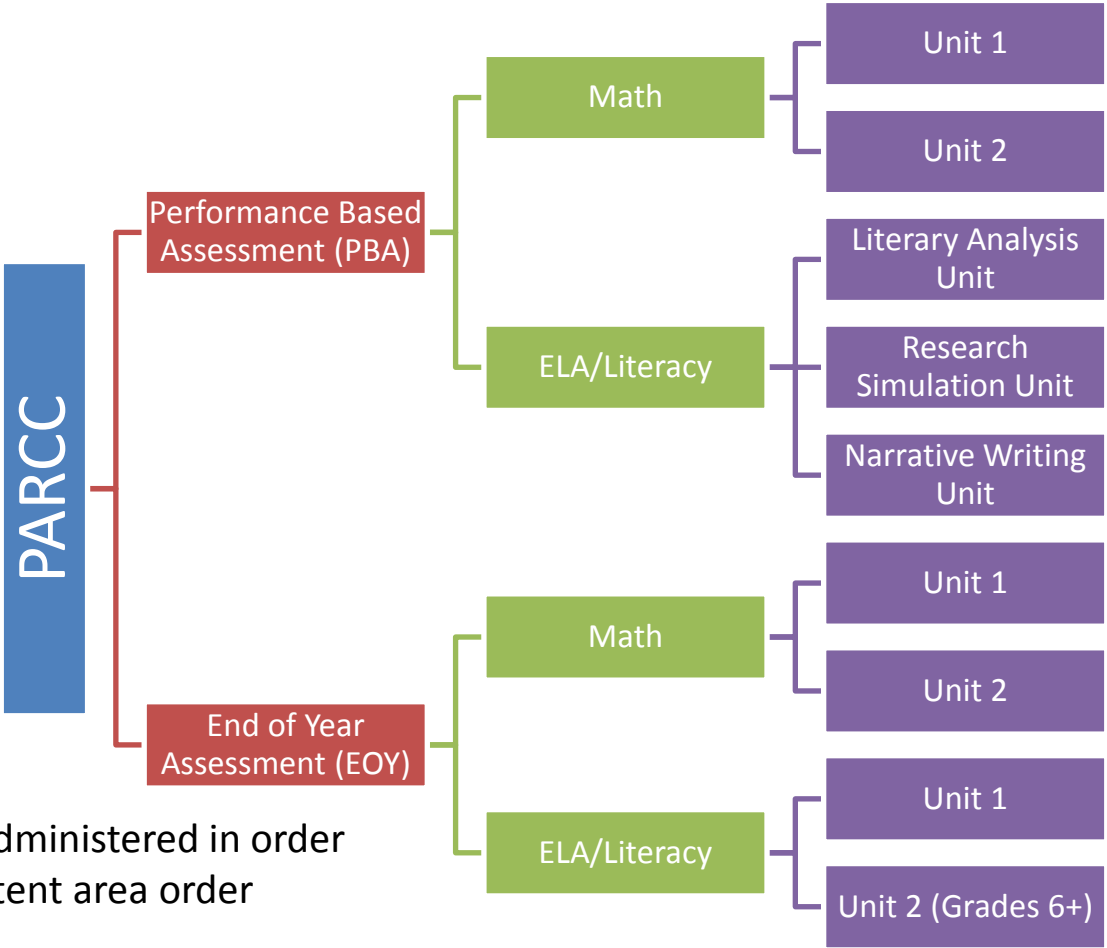
From PARCC:

- PARCC Structure
- Test Units and Unit Timing
- Units per day
- Make up testing

From your school/LEA:

- Test dates
- Test format
- Technology capacity
- Testing environments
- Student testing groups and testing needs

PARCC Structure



*Units should be administered in order shown, but no content area order necessary

PARCC Test Units and Unit Timing

- PARCC is timed
- Testing administered in several units across PBA and EOY. Each unit 60-90 minutes depending on grade
 - <http://parconline.org/update-session-times>
- Recommended to plan time before and after testing for preparation, directions, closeout

| Grades 3-5: 8 units total | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | ELA/L | Mathematics |
| PBA | 3 units | 2 units |
| EOY | 1 unit | 2 units |
| Total | 4 units | 4 units |

| Grades 6-High School: 9 units total | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | ELA/L | Mathematics |
| PBA | 3 units | 2 units |
| EOY | 2 units | 2 units |
| Total | 5 units | 4 units |

Units per day

- Highly recommended that each individual student test no more than 2 units per day to avoid test fatigue
- Schools may schedule units at any time during their testing window
- For paper-based testing, each unit must be completed by all students within a grade/course on the same school day
- For computer-based testing, each unit within a grade/course should be scheduled as close together as possible

Make Up Testing

- If students miss a unit, they may skip the unit to continue testing with their testing group and make up the unit at another time
- Schools must schedule make-up testing within their two twenty day testing windows
- Schools may combine students for content areas, but be aware of the unit testing times and administration scripts

Contacts

- Contact: OSSE.assessments@dc.gov for questions about:
 - PARCC administration and technology
 - Accommodations and accessibility features
 - PARCC webinars and professional development
 - Common Core State Standards professional development
 - Information about the Educator Leader Cadre

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