

PASS 4: Parent Engagement in Learning, PARCC, and Student Achievement

PARCC Resources for Parents and Families

The PASS model refers to the term "parent" as any adult who plays an important role in a child's family life.

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers Assessment (PARCC) is New Jersey's state test. It addresses longstanding concerns that parents, educators and employers have about the level of rigor in 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 PARCC assessments expect students to answer a variety of types of questions, show their work, and explain the reasoning behind their answers.

There is a lot of information about PARCC on the Internet. PASS 4 guidance documents and partnership supports around the PARCC assessments 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 PARCC assessment.

Parents will find many resources and links throughout PASS 4 documents and the following are additional resources to provide more depth for those interested in researching more about Parent Engagement in Student Learning, Achievement and Assessment.

The New Jersey Department of Education's model for home/school partnerships is The Parent Academy for Student Success (PASS). PASS provides documents and support tools intended to complement information about the state's academic standards and annual assessments for students. The PASS model provides resources, materials and opportunities for parents and educators to build home/school partnerships in the best interest of students' academic success. For information on the NJDOE PASS model go to: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/sca/toolkit/>. Please send questions to: informccss@doe.state.nj.us.

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](#)

For Parents

The new assessments serve as an "educational GPS system," assess students' current performance, and point the way to what students need to learn by graduation so they are ready for college and/or a career.

The PARCC assessments are designed to give schools and teachers more information to improve instruction.

Moreover, PARCC is designed to let parents know how their child is progressing academically.

The PARCC assessment will allow parents to engage in their child's education by giving parents more information about how their child is progressing in school.

More PARCC Resources

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) [1]
- [What's different about the PARCC tests?](#) [2]
- [Glossary of PARCC assessment terms](#) [3] [A](#)
- [New Vision of Assessment](#) [4]
- Expanding Access — A Parent's Guide to PARCC accommodations

Parent Resources Developed by PARCC Educators

PARCC Educator Leader Cadre members and other educators from PARCC states recently developed a packet of resources that can be shared with parents and families to help them better understand the PARCC assessment system and how it will be used to provide teachers and families information they can use to see where students are in their academic work and to provide the supports and enrichment they need. All the materials located below can be downloaded and customized with your school's or district's logo--and then converted into PDFs for distribution. Areas for customization are colored red within the documents and each resource was developed with a specific grade band, elementary, middle or high school, in mind.

- Short Overview: [Elementary](#) [5], [Middle](#) [6] and [High School](#) [7]
 - En Español: [Elementary](#) [8], [Middle](#) [9] and [High School](#) [10]
- Long Overview: [Elementary](#) [11], [Middle](#) [12] and [High School](#) [13]
- Overview PowerPoint: [Elementary](#) [14], [Middle](#) [15] and [High School](#) [16] and [resource slides](#) [17].
 - En Español: Elementary (coming soon), [Middle](#) [18] and High School (coming soon)
- Tips for Hosting a Parent and Family Night: [Elementary](#) [19], [Middle](#) [20] and [High School](#) [21]