

# PARCC TEST HERE WE COME!

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# What is PARCC?

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- Throughout their academic career, all students will take standardized tests, including an annual state test to measure how well they are progressing in the skills and content at each grade level. Tests can open doors to many great opportunities in life, including college, scholarships and professional careers.
- The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of states working together to develop a modern assessment that replaces previous state standardized tests. It provides better information for teachers and parents to identify where a student needs help, or is excelling, so they are able to enhance instruction to meet individual student needs.

The PARCC test helps ensure that all students, regardless of income, family background or geography, have equal access to a world-class education that will prepare them for success after high school in college and/or careers. New state standards set consistent expectations in English and mathematics for every student, and PARCC provides a valid and reliable evaluation of each student's progress toward them.

# Why Does my Child Take PARCC?

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- The PARCC assessments serve as an "educational GPS system," assessing students' current performance, and pointing the way to what students need to learn to be ready for the next grade level and, by high school graduation, 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. This more detailed information can lead to strong engagement between parents and teachers.

# What makes PARCC different?

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**It tests critical thinking, rather than rote memorization.** The test goes well beyond the traditional bubble tests by measuring critical thinking and problem solving skills that are very important in college and the workforce.

Other tests	PARCC assessments
Primarily use multiple-choice format that emphasizes memorization, “test prep” and guessing.	Allow students to submit answers and detailed responses, eliminating guesswork and allowing students to show their thinking and knowledge.
Test students’ rote learning.	Assess students’ abilities to read carefully, communicate clearly and problem solve.
Offer basic, one-step problems.	Present challenging, multi-tiered problems.
Are too vague to offer detailed insight to gauge students’ readiness for the next step toward success.	Provide students, parents and educators detailed information so they can understand how students are progressing, where they need assistance and where they can be encouraged to do more.

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## What can I do as a Parent?

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- **TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRACTICE TEST.** This will help you better understand how the test is aligned to classroom work and see the types of reading, math and writing questions your child will be answering. You may want to walk through the test with your child to help familiarize him or her with the test format and features and answer any questions. To see a practice test, visit <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>. You can also see questions from last year's PARCC test at <https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items>.

# How can I help prepare my child for PARCC tests?

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- Talk about the importance of doing well on these tests.
- Encourage your child to be serious about demonstrating their knowledge.
- Make sure your child arrives to school on time and schedule appointments before or after the testing windows.
- Plan ahead to ensure your child is present for each assessment. In the event of an emergency, please notify the office as soon as possible.
- **Physical Preparation**
- Make sure your child has adequate sleep the night before the test. Children who are sleepy or tired are less able to pay attention in class or less able to handle the demands of the assessment.
- Encourage your child to do her or his best but avoid putting on pressure. Too much pressure can cause test anxiety and lead to worse, not better, scores. Standardized tests are just one way of measuring student achievement.

# Taylor Test Information

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- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade will test English, Language Arts (ELA) and Math
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade also takes a Science test in April
- ELA and Math combined will be 7 sessions of testing
- Test sessions run from 60-90 minutes
- Testing is done on the computer for all sessions
- Testing starts Tues 3/14/17 and runs through Thursday 3/24/17
- If a student is late to school, they are required to have a separate testing makeup session. So, please have students here to school on time.

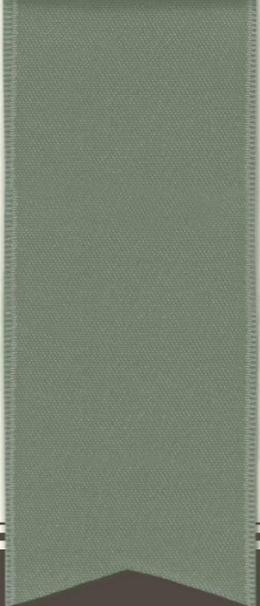
# Link for More Information

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Check out this website for further information:

<http://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/>





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**WE BELIEVE IN OUR KIDS!!  
OUR MINDSET IS READY AND WE WILL  
ROCK THIS TEST!**

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