



Partnership for Assessment of  
Readiness for College and Careers

## One-Day Conference

**Arkansas State University**  
Reng Student Union

January 23, 2014  
9:00 am-3:00 pm



*Presented by:*



**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT  
OF EDUCATION**



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**Northeast Arkansas Educational Cooperative**

## ***Agenda***

9:00-9:30 .....Registration and Continental Breakfast  
**Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union**

9:30-9:45 .....Call to Order and Introductions - Dr. Rick Hux  
Official Welcome - Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran, Dean COEBS  
Perspective - Dr. Dixie Keyes  
**Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union**

9:45-10:45 ..... Opening General Session  
The opening general session will provide a broad overview of the 2014 Spring PARCC Field Test including preparation, communication tools, and resources.  
Melody Morgan, Director of Student Assessment  
Sheree Baird, Arkansas State Field Test Contact for PARCC  
**Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union**

10:45-10:55 ..... Break

10:55-11:40 ..... Breakout Session 1\*

11:45-12:30 ..... Breakout Session 2\*

12:30-1:30 ..... Lunch  
**Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union**

1:35-2:20 ..... Breakout Session 3\*

2:25-3:15 ..... Closing Session  
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“Universal Design/PARCC Interactive Sample Items”  
Suzanne Knowles, AR Assessment Administration Specialist  
**Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union**

***\*See opposite page for Breakout Session Topics, Presenters and Locations  
and back page for detailed description of schedule***

## ***Breakout Session Topics:***

### **Breakout Session Topics, Presenters and Location:**

#### **“Sharing the Shifts about Math and ELA with Parents” - Spring River Room**

As we communicate about Common Core and PARCC assessments, an essential stakeholder that often gets overlooked are parents. In this session, we will explore ways to keep parents informed about the CCSS, framing our focus around the shifts in Math and ELA. This session will primarily focus on the elementary shifts but all teams will be sure to walk away with strategies that can be applied at all grade levels. Come discover how teaming up with parents can make all the difference.

*Presenters: Matt McClure (Cross County School District) and Ali Weimer (Marion School District, Arkansas Teacher of the Year)*

#### **“ELA Shifts” - Arkansas River Room**

This session will highlight the shifts in content, curriculum and rigor for the ELA Common Core and the ELA PARCC Assessment. We will also analyze how these shifts align with the PARCC prototype test items and how teacher curriculum-making is impacted. Information about valuable, (and free) digital Common Core and PARCC websites/resources will be provided.

*Presenters: Dixie Keyes (ASTATE-ELC Member) and Tracy Valentine (West Memphis School District-ELC Member)*

#### **“Math Shifts” - Black River Room**

This session will be sharing some resources available from PARCC regarding Math Shifts. We will look at the Performance Level Descriptors, Test Blueprints and Evidence Tables. We will also discuss how these pieces can be used to better understand the Math portion of the PARCC Assessment.

*Presenters: Mike Hall (ASTATE) and Becky Justus (Greene County Tech School District-ELC Member)*

#### **“Literacy in Science and Social Studies” - White River Room**

This session will focus on disciplinary literacy or close reading in science and social studies. We will look at sample released PARCC items to show how these subjects are integrated into the reading and writing standards.

*Presenters: Karen Ladd (Nettleton School District) and Rebecca Perrin (National PARCC Literacy Assessment Item Review Team/Valley View School District)*

#### **“PARCC and Technology” - Auditorium**

This breakout session will provide technology requirements for learning and PARCC computer-based test administration. Time for discussion of emerging technologies and questions and answers will also be provided.

*Presenter: Jimmy Blevins (Arkansas Department of Education, Technology Contact for PARCC)*

#### **“Accessibility, Accommodations and Fairness” - Centennial Hall**

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*Presenter: Jennifer Brown (Arkansas Department of Education, Special Education Specialist for PARCC)*

## ***Breakout Session Detailed Schedule:***

Due to the large number of Attendees at the PARCC One-Day Conference, please follow the schedule below if you are interested in attending Sessions B: “ELA Shifts,” C: “Math Shifts” and/or D: “Literacy in Science and Social Studies”

***Check or circle the sessions you will attend:***

### **Breakout Session 1 (10:55 am-11:40 am)**

“ELA Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **A-F** (Arkansas River Room)

“Math Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **G-M** (Black River Room)

“Literacy in Science and Social Studies” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **N-Z** (White River Room)

### **Breakout Session 2 (11:45 am-12:30 pm)**

“ELA Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **G-M** (Arkansas River Room)

“Math Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **N-Z** (Black River Room)

“Literacy in Science and Social Studies” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **A-F** (White River Room)

### **Breakout Session 3 (1:20 pm-2:05 pm)**

“ELA Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **N-Z** (Arkansas River Room)

“Math Shifts” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **A-F** (Black River Room)

“Literacy in Science and Social Studies” - Attendees with Last Names beginning with **G-M** (White River Room)

### **Breakout Session 1, 2, or 3 (any session)**

**The following Topics will be presented for anyone wishing to attend during all three Breakout Sessions:**

“Sharing the Shifts about Math and ELA with Parents” (**Spring River**)

“PARCC and Technology” (**Auditorium**)

“Accessibility, Accommodations and Fairness” (**Centennial Hall**)

