

Preparing for the Spring 2014 PARCC Field Test

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Field Test Purposes

The primary purposes of the PARCC Field Test are to:

- Examine the quality of items so that PARCC can build assessment forms for the 2014-15 school year
- Pilot assessment administration procedures
- Give schools and districts the opportunity to experience the administration of PARCC assessments



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Benefits of Participating in the PARCC Field Test

- The Field Test will give local educators the opportunity to experience the administration of PARCC assessments.
- For those participating in the computer-based Field Test, the Field Test will give schools an opportunity to test their technology readiness.
- The Field Test will give students an opportunity to become familiar with PARCC assessments and PARCC item types.



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Additional guidance is available at www.parcconline.org/field-test

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Benefits of Participating in the PARCC Field Test

- The Field Test will allow local educators and students the opportunity to directly impact PARCC in preparation for the 2014-2015 administration.
- Test Administrators for the Field Test will complete a survey to gather feedback about the experience of administering PARCC assessments.



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Benefits of Participating in the PARCC Field Test

- Students who participate in the Field Test will complete a survey to gather feedback about the student experience of taking PARCC assessments.
- Survey data will:
 - Improve administration protocol
 - Identify potential sources of confusion for students
 - Gauge the occurrence of technical difficulties
 - Gauge the conduciveness of the test-taking environment to maximizing student performance
 - Gauge the extent to which students engaged in on-task and/or off-task behaviors during the assessment



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Field Test Sample

- Over one million students are needed to participate in the Field Test to evaluate the quality of items for PARCC's operational assessments in 2014-2015.
- In order to get a sample of students that is demographically representative of each state and PARCC as a whole, the sampling design calls for PARCC to:
 1. Randomly select schools within each state, and then ask schools to
 2. Randomly select classrooms within their school



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<http://parcconline.org/classroom-selection-guidance6>

Field Test Sampling

- Arkansas school officials were provided the opportunity to choose participation levels in the random PARCC field testing samples
- Once districts confirmed their sample school(s), this decision committed district/schools to field test these samples, and replacement schools were not assigned by PARCC
- Round 2 data sampling was statistically driven by responses to Round 1 to keep the sample data statistically balanced
- Districts were asked to notify the ADE Office of Student Assessment if additional field testing was desired in future sampling rounds



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Arkansas Sample



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PARCC Field Test– Round 1

- Commissioner’s Memo LS-14-016 announced PARCC Field Testing
- 250 AR Districts were randomly selected to participate in Round 1 of the PARCC Field Test
- Of the 250 Districts selected to participate in Round 1, all but 6 districts have agreed to field test at least one sample
- **97.6% AR District participation**
 - Amazing response rate!!



PARCC Field Test—Round 2

- October 15, 2013, an e-mail was sent to AR districts participating in Round 1 to determine if there was interest in **additional** field test opportunities
 - 56 AR districts **volunteered** for additional PARCC field testing
- Round 2 was limited to districts which had not been selected for Round 1 and districts which volunteered for additional field testing
- 20 districts were selected to participate in Round 2
- Of the 20 Districts selected to participate in Round 2, all but 1 district agreed to field test at least one sample
- **95% AR District participation**
 - **Amazing Response Rate!!**



PARCC Field Test—Round 3

- Final Round complete
- 244 Arkansas districts participating the PARCC Field Test
- AR districts received letter from Pearson on December 19, 2013 listing all PARCC Field Test samples from all rounds



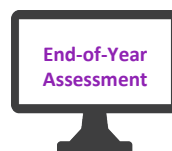
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PARCC Summative Assessment



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Two Field Test Windows



- Extended tasks, applications of concepts and skills
 - **ELA/Literacy:** Writing effectively when analyzing text, research simulation
 - **Math:** Solving multi-step problems requiring abstract reasoning, precision, perseverance and strategic use of tools
 - **ELA/Literacy** Grades 3-11
 - **Math** Grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II
- Innovative, short-answer items
 - **ELA/Literacy:** Reading comprehension
 - **Math:** Short items that address both concepts and skills
 - **ELA/Literacy** Grades 3-11
 - **Math** Grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II



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Most students participating in the PARCC Field Test will take one component (PBA or EOY) in one content area (ELA or mathematics).

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Field Test Windows

Grades	PARCC Field Test	Administration Window Dates
3-8	Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	March 31 - April 11, 2014
	and End-of-Year (EOY)	and May 5 - June 6, 2014
3-8	Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	March 31 - April 18, 2014
3-8	End-of-Year (EOY)	May 5 - June 6, 2014
9-11	Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	March 31 - April 11, 2014
	and End-of-Year (EOY)	and May 5 - June 6, 2014
9-11	Performance Based Assessment (PBA)	March 31 - April 11, 2014
9-11	End-of-Year (EOY)	May 5 - June 6, 2014



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Field Test Planning Guidance

- ELA/Literacy Performance Based Assessment (PBA) will require 3 sessions
- Mathematics Performance Based Assessment (PBA) will require 2 sessions
- ELA/Literacy End of Year Assessment (EOY) will require 2 sessions
- Mathematics End of Year Assessment (EOY) will require 2 sessions



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Field Test Preparation

- What is the recommended time for scheduling testing sessions?
 - Two or Two ½ hour blocks for each session of the Field Test
- The block will allow for plenty of time to complete administration activities as well as for students to complete the test session with the additional time allotted, if needed.
- FAQs
 - <http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/FrequentlyAskedQuestionsabouttheFieldTest9-17-13.pdf>



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Field Test Preparation

November/December Activities:

- Two Regional Trainings were held in Arkansas at Maumelle High School
 - December 2 and December 4 (Commissioner's Memo LS-14-035)
- Site visits will begin for approved LEAs
 - Commissioner's Memo LS-14-043
- PARCC is scheduled to release guidance for thin clients and VDI technologies
- System Check Tool is available to prepare districts for the upcoming field test administration
- Training Modules are available to provide training and support for the following topic:
 - *System Check Tool* (www.parcconline.org/technology)
- The following resource is available online:
 - *System Check User Guide*



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December/January Activities:

- The following resources are available online:
 - *Infrastructure Readiness Guide*
 - *TestNav 8 Technology Guidelines*
- Training Modules are available to provide training and support for the following topic:
 - *Setting up an Infrastructure Trial*
- The following resources are available online:
 - *Test Administrator Manual*
 - *School Test Coordinator Manual*
 - *PearsonAccess User Guide*
 - *TestNav 8 Proctor Caching User Guide*
- Training Modules are scheduled to be available to provide training and support for the following topics:
 - *Technology Setup: Beginner & Advanced Level*
 - *Test Administrator Training: Beginner & Advanced Level*
- The Infrastructure Trial window is open
- www.parc.pearson.com – Support Tab on top (Technology, Manuals, Templates, Training)



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January/February Activities:

- District Test Coordinators will receive biweekly newsletter communication via e-mail from Pearson
- PARCC is scheduled to provide information about assistive technologies for the field test assessment
- Training Modules are scheduled to be available to provide training and support for the following topics:
 - *Accommodations with Computer-Based Testing*
 - *Emerging Technologies and Security with Computer-Based Testing*



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Spring 2014 Practice Tests

- There will be a computer-based practice test available to all schools – both schools included and not included in the field tests. There is no charge to participate in the practice test.
- The practice test will enable students and teachers to become familiar with the PARCC assessments and to practice with the different types of technology functionalities.
- The practice test will be available during the Field Test in Spring 2014.
- Materials, including rubrics, will be available so that teachers can score the practice tests.



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Frequently Asked Questions



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How does my school select a classroom?

- **Answer:** It is important that classrooms are randomly selected. PARCC has provided additional guidance and a tool to schools on how to select classrooms.
- <http://parcconline.org/classroom-selection-guidance>



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Will sample test items be provided prior to the Field Test that students can practice answering items?

- ***Answer:*** Yes. PARCC released task prototypes in August 2012 and sample items in August 2013, which can be found here: <http://www.parcconline.org/samples/item-task-prototypes>. The new sample items are first presented in PDF format to emphasize a focus on the content of the items, allowing students to gain familiarity with different item types. Later this winter, the new sample items will be re-released on the technology platform that students will use for the Field Test, providing an early opportunity for students and educators to engage with the tools and functionalities on the assessment.



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Where can I find ADE trainings on PARCC Field Testing?

- ***Answer: The ADE webinar trainings are archived at Arkansas Ideas for anyone who wishes to hear the information again, or was unable to attend.***
- www.ideas.aetn.org/commoncore/assessment



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Today's Presentation

Arkansas-specific questions that arise today
about the PARCC Field Test may be sent to

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