

PARCC: FOR TEACHERS 2017

How does PARCC align with what I'm teaching in my classroom?

Based on feedback and help from New Mexico teachers, the PARCC assessment was built to align with the content and skills you teach your students in the classroom every day. PARCC provides you and your school accurate information about how students are performing to the state standards set for their grade level. PARCC results should be used as one of several measures for you to track your students' progress in school.

What types of questions are on the test?

PARCC measures real-world skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and reasoning. Students answer open-ended questions and are asked to explain their answers, show their work, and compose well-organized essays.

How and when will I get my results?

A variety of new PARCC score reports will be sent to your district's testing coordinator and then made available to schools and teachers. You should anticipate receiving your PARCC score reports within the first weeks of school. If you do not receive your report, please contact your district's testing coordinator.

The score reports are designed to identify where a student needs help or is excelling by providing more and better information to teachers so you can enhance instruction to meet individual student needs and guide your classroom instruction. This information is shared through online reports for schools and teachers, and through an informative, easy-to-understand printed report for parents.

The score reports provide clear and meaningful information about the extent to which students are acquiring and mastering the knowledge and skills they need in school, and to progress toward college and career readiness by the time they graduate.

The design of the score report, like the test itself, was informed by the participation of classroom teachers, other educators, and families.

How can the results be used to help my students?

You can use the PARCC results to ensure that your students are prepared for success – from grade to grade and beyond high school. PARCC is just one measure you can use to address any weaknesses early on so students can receive the support they need to get back on track. You can also use results to tailor your instruction to meet individual needs. Results may be used with grades and other measures at the beginning of the year to set goals for your students and to guide your classroom instruction.

How can I use PARCC to help guide classroom instruction?

Released items and test content from previous PARCC assessments are available on the [PARCC Assessment website](#). These items, as well as, the resources listed below can provide you with powerful tools to inform classroom teaching and learning. Some teachers are using the released items to develop lesson plans and help students grow throughout the year.

What PARCC-related resources are available to me?

- [Achieve the Core Classroom Resources](#)
- [PARCC Practice Tests](#)
- [Tutorial on Aligning your Classroom Instruction to Assessments](#)

What resources can I share with families to help them understand their student's PARCC report?

- [PARCC Test Results Guide](#)
- [Great Kids! Guides for grades 3-8](#)
- [Be a Learning Hero; About the PARCC Test](#)

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