



About PARCC

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of states working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers. These high quality, computer-based K-12 assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy give teachers, schools, students, and parents better information whether students are on track in their learning and for success after high school, and tools to help teachers customize learning to meet student needs. The PARCC assessments will be ready for states to administer during the 2014-15 school year.

Our Belief

PARCC is based on the core belief that assessment should work as a tool for enhancing teaching and learning. Because the assessments are aligned with the new, more rigorous [Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#) ^[1], they ensure that every child is on a path to college and career readiness by measuring what students should know at each grade level. They will also provide parents and teachers with timely information to identify students who may be falling behind and need extra help. Learn more about PARCC in our [PARCC FAQs](#) ^[2].

PARCC States

PARCC is made up of: [Arkansas](#) ^[3], [Colorado](#) ^[4], [District of Columbia](#) ^[5], [Illinois](#) ^[6], [Louisiana](#) ^[7], [Maryland](#) ^[8], [Massachusetts](#) ^[9], [Mississippi](#) ^[10], [New Jersey](#) ^[11], [New Mexico](#) ^[12], [New York](#) ^[13], [Ohio](#) ^[14], and [Rhode Island](#) ^[15]. The states in PARCC educate millions of elementary, middle and high school students across the country. In addition, [Pennsylvania](#) ^[16] is a "participating state." [Learn more about the PARCC states](#) ^[17].

Resources

PARCC has produced a variety of [resources](#) ^[18] for educators, parents, and the public to learn about the assessment system's history and development.

- [1] <http://www.ccsso.org/>
- [2] http://www.parcconline.org/sites/parcc/files/PARCCFAQ_9-18-2013.pdf
- [3] <http://www.parcconline.org/arkansas>
- [4] <http://www.parcconline.org/colorado>
- [5] <http://www.parcconline.org/district-columbia>
- [6] <http://www.parcconline.org/illinois>
- [7] <http://www.parcconline.org/louisiana>
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- [16] <http://www.parcconline.org/pennsylvania>
- [17] <http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-states>
- [18] <http://www.parcconline.org/resources>