PARCC ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

PARCC is not just a summative test. PARCC is developing aligned diagnostic tools in grades K-8, speaking and listening assessments, practice tests, sample items, and more. The states envision PARCC as a comprehensive aligned system of tools to support successful deep implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

The PARCC assessment system will build a pathway to college and career readiness by the end of high school, mark students’ progress toward this goal from 3rd grade up, and provide teachers with timely information to inform instruction and provide student support.

The PARCC assessment system is designed to:

• Measure problem-solving and critical thinking skills
• Give timely feedback to teachers and students on strengths and weaknesses, allowing teachers to better meet student needs
• Determine whether students are on track for college or career
• Include a writing component at every grade level
• Allow comparison across schools, districts and states

PARCC CONSORTIUM

Through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), state chiefs, state assessment directors, and higher education leaders from among the most reform-minded states in the country came together in early 2010 to lead the development of new assessments that tie into more rigorous academic expectations to help prepare students for success in college and the workforce.

PARCC is developed by the states, for the states. In a first-of-its-kind collaboration, states are working together to create the highest-quality test in the history of American public education. The result will be a product powered by states and local school systems.

PARCC is committed to high quality. The PARCC consortium believes in tests worth taking, made up of texts worth reading and problems worth solving full of the kinds of questions great teachers routinely ask students. Closely aligned to college- and career-ready standards that prepare students for success after high school.

State experts, local educators, postsecondary faculty and community members from across the 22 PARCC states are conducting rigorous reviews of every item and passage being developed for the PARCC assessment system to ensure all test items are of the highest quality, aligned to the Common Core State Standards, and fair for all student populations. PARCC’s process allows for an unprecedented collaboration among 22 states and their K-12 and higher education communities to provide state-led quality assurance and oversight of the tests’ development. All PARCC item reviewers are nominated by their state education agency.