



For Educators

Assessments are a checkup for our schools. The PARCC assessment will provide timely, actionable information for teachers ? and because students will take some of the new assessments early in the school year, teachers will be able to identify kids who are falling behind and need extra help.

These new assessments will replace outdated and ineffective tests with new tests that measure real world skills that colleges and employers say they value ? like critical thinking and problem solving.

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- **CCSS-Aligned English Language Arts Task Sets**
PARCC partnered with the [Institute for Learning](#) [13] to create sample classroom-based tasks that demonstrate how performance-based PARCC-like tasks can be used for instruction. These task sets are great for any teacher who is working with students on reading and writing about complex texts.
 - [?Grade 3 ? Classroom Task Set: Engaging With Literature](#) [14]
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- **Third Edition: PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual** [17] (and supporting appendices) provides details on the common policies and administration guidance for all students taking the PARCC assessments, including but not limited to students with disabilities and English learners.

- **[PBS Learning Media CLO: PARCC for Educators](#)** ^[18]
PARCC has collaborated with PBS affiliate WTCI to produce a series of standalone websites that give the public more information about the assessments and experiences of a variety of community members including K-12 educators, higher education experts and parents.
- **[PARCC ELA/Literacy Test Documents](#)** ^[19]
PARCC has released a set of ELA/Literacy test specification documents, including assessment blueprints and evidence statement tables, to help educators better understand the design of the PARCC assessments.
- **[Mathematics Test Documents](#)** ^[20]
PARCC has released a set of Mathematics test specification documents, including the Mathematics High Level Blueprint, Claim Structure documents and Evidence Statement Tables & Evidence Statements, to help educators and the general public better understand the design of the PARCC assessments.
- **[Webinar: PARCC 101: What Educators Need To Know](#)** ^[21]
PARCC's Callie Riley led a "[PARCC 101: What Educators Need To Know](#) ^[21]" webinar on Monday, October 27th from 5-6 p.m. ET. This special webinar, in honor of [Connected Educators](#) ^[22] month, gave a brief history of the work of the PARCC assessment consortium and reviewed resources that educators can use to better understand both the Common Core State Standards and the aligned assessments.

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