



# Clark Public Schools

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## PARCC Informational Guide

### *What is PARCC?*

PARCC stands for “The **P**artnership for **A**ssessment of **R**eadiness for **C**ollege and **C**areers (PARCC)” a consortium of states that collaboratively developed a common set of assessments to measure student achievement and preparedness for college and careers. The State of NJ is a member of the consortium of states and must administer PARCC in all public schools.

The PARCC assessments are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS) and were created to measure students' ability to apply their knowledge of concepts rather than memorizing facts. The PARCC assessments require students to solve problems using mathematical reasoning and to be able to model mathematical principles. In English Language Arts (ELA), students will be required to closely read multiple passages and to write essay responses in literary analysis, research tasks and narrative tasks. The assessments will measure mastery of the standards. The assessments will also provide teachers information on student progress to inform instruction and provide targeted student support.

Information credited to: <http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/history.shtml>

### *What should Parents know about PARCC?*

- **PARCC NJ School Boards Association Video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cO0s03r9Ddw>

**Below** you will find some **additional references** for parents and guardians regarding the PARCC Assessments:

- **PARCC Information**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/>  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parcc/>
- **PARCC Assessment Parent Resources**  
<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/parents/>  
<https://parcc-assessment.org/parent-resources/>
- **Parent PARCC Questions:**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/PARCCFAQ.pdf>

- **Understanding Your Child’s Test Results:**  
[Understandthescore.org](http://Understandthescore.org)
- **PARCC Special Education FAQ:**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/parcc/SpecialEdFAQ.pdf>  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/specialed/>
- **PARCC and English Language Learners FAQ:**  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/bilingual/policy/PARCCCELLsFAQ.htm>
- **PARCC Accessibility Features:** *Expanding Access: Accessibility Features and Accommodations for Students with Disabilities in PARCC Assessments—A Parent’s Guide:*  
<http://www.state.nj.us/education/assessment/district/AFAManual.pdf>

### *How does the PARCC impact graduation requirements?*

<http://www.nj.gov/education/assessment/parents/GradReq.pdf>

### *How can students prepare for PARCC?*

Students can prepare for PARCC via the available online practice and paper-based test modules on the PARCC website. Students are also being prepared in the classroom via standards-based instruction and departmental PARCC-based prompts.

- **ELA Practice Tests:** <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/>
- **Math Practice Tests:** <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/>
- **PARCC Language Arts Test Functions Navigation Video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YegCt3T9S7E>
- **PARCC Math Navigation Test Functions Navigation Video:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtdS-Kx2m8g>
- **Released Items:**  
<https://parcc-assessment.org/released-items/>

### *What is the NJDOE PARCC Portfolio Appeal Process?*

- ***NJDOE PARCC Portfolio Appeal Process***

Students who **did not** take the PARCC Assessments, or were **unable to achieve a passing score** on the PARCC Assessments, or unable to achieve a passing score on the **alternative standardized exams** will need to successfully complete the **NJ Department of Education (NJDOE) Portfolio Appeal Process** in order to earn a high school diploma.

[Portfolio Appeals Information](#)

If you have questions about the types of items on the portfolio please reach out to your English Language Arts teacher or Mathematics teacher. You may also contact the department supervisors [English Language Arts – Ms. Diaz at [ydiaz@clarkschools.org](mailto:ydiaz@clarkschools.org); Mathematics - Mr. Harley at [mharley@clarkschools.org](mailto:mharley@clarkschools.org).]

Students, parents, or guardians with questions about the administration of the portfolio appeal, or other questions about NJDOE requirements for earning a high school diploma specific to the student, should contact the guidance counselor or Director of Student Support Services, Mrs. Babis at [dbabis@clarkschools.org](mailto:dbabis@clarkschools.org). Questions may also be directed to your child's case manager.