Getting to Know the PARCC Assessment: A Workshop for Parents

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Why Give Assessments?

- Data!

- To understand student mastery of content and skills

- To provide students with effective, individualized instruction

- Coursework/grade placement

Four types of assessments:
   Formative
   Short-cycle
   Interim
   Summative

Assessment Requirements

- Federal

- State

- District

- School

All federal and state required assessments:
http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/AssessmentEvalDocs/New%20Mexico%20Assessment%20Graph%202014-2015.pdf

GRADE LEVEL	ASSESSMENT CONTENT AREA(S)	ASSESSMENT NAME	YEAR PASSED	PRIOR ESTIMATED TESTING TIME 2010	ESTIMATED TESTING TIME 2015	DIFFERENCE 2010 TO 2015
K–1	Reading	Interim Assessment (DIBELS) (screening and monitoring)	2009	3–6 minutes (3 times/year)	3–6 minutes (3 times/year)	Same
2	Reading	Interim Assessment (DIBELS) (diagnostic assessment)	2009	6–10 minutes (3 times/year)	6–10 minutes (3 times/year)	Same
3	Reading, math, writing	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	6 hours 25 minutes	1 hour 20 minute decrease
4	Reading, math, science; writing added 2015	Accountability Assessment (SBA/PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	9 hours 45 minutes	2 hour 20 minute decrease
5	Reading, math, writing	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	6 hours 45 minutes	3 hour 55 minute decrease
6	Reading, math; writing added 2015	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	7 hours 25 minutes	3 hour 15 minute decrease
7	Reading, math, science; writing added 2015	Accountability Assessment (SBA/PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	10 hours 25 minutes	15 minute decrease
8	Reading, math, writing	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2003	10 hours 40 minutes	7 hours 25 minutes	3 hour 15 minute decrease
9 and 10	Reading, writing, math	Interim Assessments (short-cycle assessments)	2007	30–90 minutes (3 times/year)	30–90 minutes (3 times/year)	Same
9*	Reading, math, writing	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2011	None	7 hours 30 minutes	7 hour 30 minute increase
10*	Reading, math; writing added 2015	Accountability Assessment (PARCC)	2011	None	7 hours 30 minutes	7 hour 30 minute increase
11**	Reading, math, science; writing added 2015	Accountability Assessment (SBA/PARCC)	2003	13 hours 40 min	10 hours 30 minutes	3 hour 10 minute decrease
Throughout High School	All courses for high school credit***	EoC/Final Exam	1986	90 minutes per course (district determined)	90 minutes per course (district determined)	Same

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PARCC

- <u>P</u>artnership for the <u>A</u>ssessment of <u>R</u>eadiness for <u>C</u>ollege and <u>C</u>areer
- Summative assessment
- Replacing the SBA in ELA and Math
- Aligned to Common Core State Standards
- Focuses on critical thinking skills
- English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics
- Measures college and career readiness
- Online ("TestNav")
- Will provide comparability to other states

Common Core State Standards (CCSS)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS/LITERACY	MATHEMATICS
Balance of literature and informational texts; focus on text complexity	Focus, coherence and clarity: emphasis on key topics at each grade level and coherent progression across grades
Emphasis on argument, informative/ explanatory writing, and research	Procedural fluency and understanding of concepts and skills
Speaking and listening skills	Promote rigor through mathematical proficiencies that foster reasoning and understanding across discipline
Literacy standards for history, science and technical subjects	High school standards organized by conceptual categories

CCSS has Higher Expectations

ELA/Literacy

- Read sufficiently complex texts independently
- Write effectively to sources
- Build and present knowledge through research

Math

- Solve problems: content and mathematical practice
- Reason mathematically
- Model real-world problems
- Have fluency with mathematics

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PARCC Design

- Blueprints and Form Specifications
- Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs)
- Model Content Frameworks
- Evidence Tables
- Scoring Rubrics (ELA/Literacy)
- Task Generation Models (ELA/Literacy)

Online - Useful for Teachers

PARCC

- One test administered in two windows:

  - Performance Based Assessment (PBA)
    3/2 – 3/27
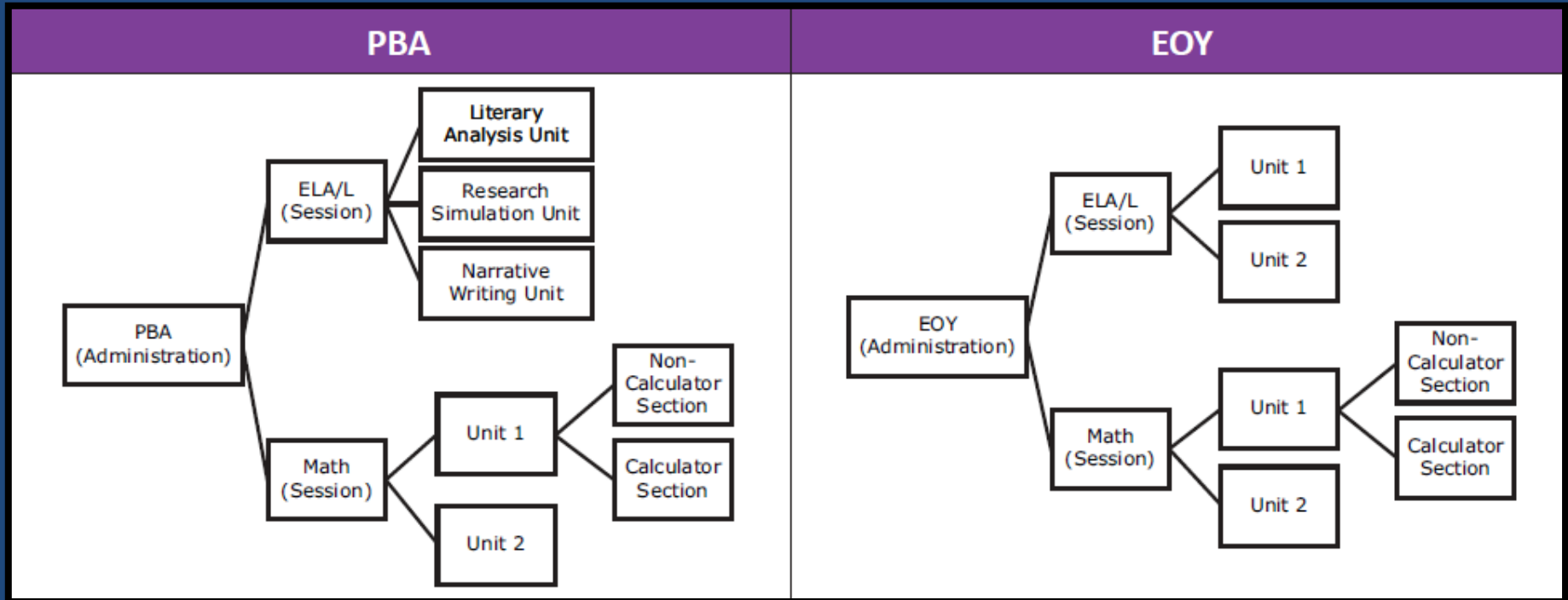 - End of Year (EOY)
    4/13 – 5/8

- PARCC is timed.

Number of PARCC Test Units

Grades 3-5: 8 units total		
	ELA/L	Mathematics
PBA	3 units	2 units
EOY	1 unit	2 units
Total	**4 units**	**4 units**

Grades 6-High School: 9 units total		
	ELA/L	Mathematics
PBA	3 units	2 units
EOY	2 units	2 units
Total	**5 units**	**4 units**

PARCC Administration Flowchart

*Grades 3-5 ELA/L does not include Unit 2

PARCC Comprehensive Accessibility Policies

Features for All Students*

Accessibility Features*

Identified in advance
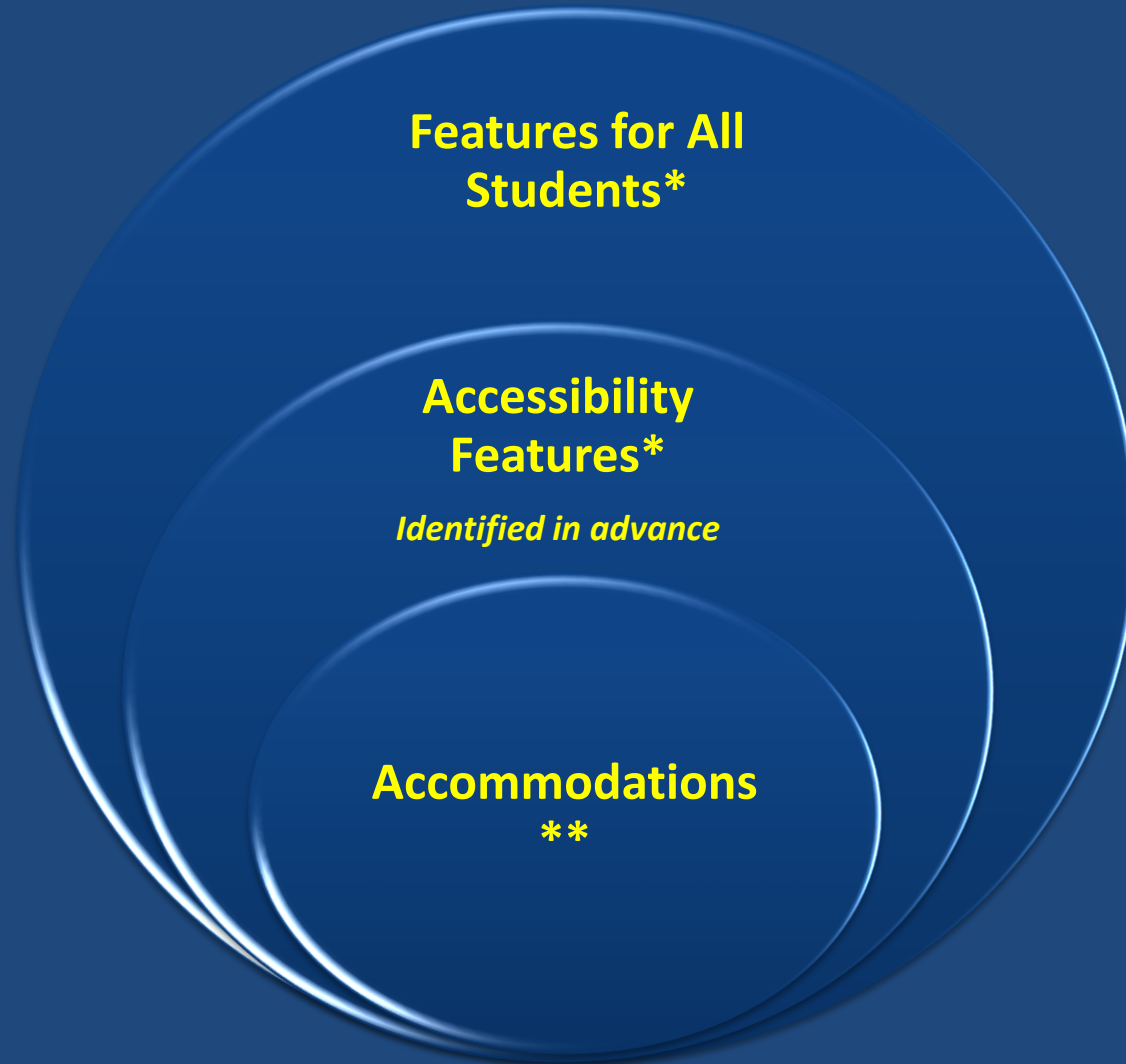
Accommodations
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*Available to all participating students

**For students with disabilities, English learners, and English learners with disabilities

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PARCC Accommodations

- Intended to remove a barrier so all students can equally access the test.

- Based on IEP or 504 Plan

- Some "Accessibility Features" do not require an IEP or 504 Plan – based on student preference

- Students MUST use similar accommodations/tools in class!

Scores and Reports

- Reports will be late in 2015 due to standard setting.

- Students will receive one score in ELA and one score in math for the entire test.

Proficiency Levels:

1: Minimal Command
2: Strong Command
3: Moderate Command
4: Partial Command
5: Distinguished Command

PARCC Preparation

Students should:

- Learn typing and computer navigation skills
- Practice critical thinking with CCSS-aligned assignments
- Be familiar with PARCC item types (watch the tutorials!)
- Compose essays on computer
- Use online equation editors

PARCC Preparation

Parents should:

- Be informed and involved
- Ask young kids to help with decision-making and calculating to improve critical thinking skills
- Play ELA and math family games
- Promote computer use that supports CCSS
- Be positive and calm about testing

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PARCC Resources

www.parcc.pearson.com

- Tutorials

- Sample Items

- Practice Tests

www.parcconline.com

- Blueprints and Test Design

- Accommodations for SWD and ELs

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PARCC Resources

http://newmexicocommoncore.org

- CCSS in ELA and Math

http://ped.state.nm.us/ped/NMPARCCIndex.html

- NM PARCC Information
- Countdown to PARCC

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Thank you for coming!

Questions?

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