

PARCC Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations Available for Student Practice

To help students and teachers prepare for the PARCC assessments, PARCC has provided several opportunities for practice with the content, format, tools, functionality, accessibility features, and accommodations provided on the assessments.

Practice Tests:

Practice tests are aligned the test blue print specifications for each grade and content area. In addition, answer keys are available, and for the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) assessments, the writing rubrics are available for each grade level.

As of January 2015, the following practice tests are available:

- Online ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11 (scorable)
- Online Mathematics performance-based component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (scorable – not yet enabled)
- Online Mathematics end-of-year component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II (scorable)
- Paper-based ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11
- Paper-based Mathematics performance-based component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Paper-based Mathematics end-of-year component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Screen Reader for ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11
- Screen Reader for Mathematics end-of-year component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Large Print for ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11
- Large Print for Mathematics performance-based component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Large Print for Mathematics end-of-year component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- Braille Ready Files (.BRF) for the ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11
 - The .BRF will be downloaded and printed locally by users for the ELA/L performance-based component for grades 3-11. In addition, tactile graphics for the grade 8 ELA/L assessment can be provided to accompany the .BRF and screen reader formats, when requested. Each state has established a contact

person at the state education agency to contact for tactile graphics. Please refer to <http://parconline.org/practice-test-answers> for your state's contact person.

- Braille Ready Files (.BRF) for the Mathematics end-of-year component for grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
 - The .BRF will be downloaded and printed locally by users for the Mathematics end-of-year component in grades 3-8, Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. In addition, tactile graphics can be provided to accompany the .BRF and screen reader formats, when requested. Each state has established a contact person at the state education agency to contact for tactile graphics. Please refer to <http://parconline.org/practice-test-answers> for your state's contact person.

Practice tests for the PARCC ELA/L end-of-year component for all grades will be available in January 2015.

Non-secure practice tests can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>.

Secure practice tests can be accessed through the training site. Secure practice tests will allow students to log in with student testing tickets and have the same experience as testing day:

<http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/>. The Infrastructure Trial Guide has instructions for accessing and using the training site:

<http://parcc.pearson.com/resources/PARCC%20Infrastructure%20Readiness%20Guide.pdf>.

Tutorials:

Several tutorials have been released. These tutorials provide descriptions and step-by-step instructions for accessing the computer-based tools and navigating within TestNav. The tutorials are available for various PARCC item types (both paper- and computer-based). There are also tutorials available for specific accessibility features and tools - the text-to-speech accessibility feature, the graphing calculator, and the equation editor. The items appearing in these tutorials are samples that allow students and educators to gain familiarity with the technology platform and paper-based format that will be used for the PARCC assessments.

Tutorials can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>.

Sample Items:

These are test questions on the technology platform that students may use as practice before taking the computer-based PARCC tests. Students can engage with the different types of items (e.g., drag-and-drop, multiple select) and computer-based tools that will be available during testing. Sample items will not be scored, but rubrics are available. Items are provided for ELA/L and mathematics in grade bands 3 – 5, 6 – 8, and High School.

Sample items can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>.

Training Modules:

Several training modules are available to assist those in various roles within a school/district, including LEA or school test coordinators, test administrators, technology coordinators, and accommodations coordinators.

The following training modules are available as of January 2015:

- Introduction to PARCC Training Modules
- PARCC Paper-Based Testing; Administration Training for Test Coordinators
- Student Registration Import
- Administration of Computer-Based Assessments for Test Administrators
- Proctor Caching & TestNav Configuration
- Infrastructure Trials: Running a Dress Rehearsal
- Administration of Computer-Based Assessments for Test Coordinators
- Personal Needs Profile (PNP)
- PARCC Paper-Based Testing; Administration Training for Test Administrators
- Technology “Readiness” for Schools & Districts
- Student Readiness Resources for PARCC
- Accessibility Features & Accommodations
- PearsonAccess^{next}

Training modules can be accessed through this link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/>.

Where Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations can be Accessed:

Below is a chart listing each of the tools, accessibility features, or accommodations along with the location of where they can be found to help students, teachers, and parents become familiar with the functionality.

Tools, Accessibility Feature and Accommodations	Paper or Online Format	Sample Items	Tutorials	Non-Secure Practice Tests	Secure Practice Tests in Training Center	Additional Information
Answer Masking	Online	X	X		X	
ASL Video	Online	X				Sample items will be available in February 2015.
Assistive Technology	Online				X	Devices can be tested after the PearsonAccess ^{next} release in February 2015.
Audio Amplification	Online					Device specific
Braille Version	Paper			X		
Closed-Captioning of Multimedia on the ELA/Literacy Assessments ¹	Online					Sample items will be available at a later date. Closed Captioning videos are available on http://www.discoveryeducation.com// .
Color Contrast (Background/Font Color)	Online	X	X		X	
Eliminate Answer Choices	Online	X	X	X	X	
Flag Items for Review	Online	X	X	X	X	
Pop-up Glossary	Online			X		Available for ELA only for pre-selected words.
Highlight Tool	Online		X	X		
Large Print Edition	Paper			X		
Line Reader Tool	Online	X	X	X		
Magnification/Enlargement Device	Online	X	X	X		
NotePad	Online			X		
Online Calculator (grades 6-8)	Online	X	X	X		
Online Texas Instrument Graphing Calculator (high school)	Online				X	
Text-to-Speech	Online		X			

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Writing Tools	Online	X	X	X		
Screen Reader Version	Online			X	X	
Spanish Translation of the Mathematics Assessment	Online	X				Sample Items will be available at a later date.
Tactile Graphics	Paper			X	X	Available now for screen reader and paper practice tests for the grade 8 ELA and all mathematics tests. Tactile graphics need to be requested from the state.