

The Parent's Guide to The Common Core and PARCC Assessment

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How Are The Standards Different?

- Provide performance-based collaborative activities and assessments
- Integrate literacy across content areas including Science and Social Studies
- Place stronger emphasis on informational text, research, and media skills



Instructional Shifts in ELA

- 6 Shifts in ELA
 - Read as much nonfiction as fiction
 - Learn about the world by reading
 - Read more challenging material closely
 - Discuss reading using evidence
 - Write non-fiction using evidence
 - Increase academic vocabulary



Instructional Shifts in Math

- 6 Shifts in Mathematics
 - Focus: Learn more about fewer, key topics
 - Coherence: Build skills within and across grades
 - Fluency: Develop speed and accuracy
 - Deep Understanding: Really know it, really do it
 - Application of Concepts: Use them in the real world
 - Dual Intensity: Practice/Understand-Think fast & solve problems



Mathematical Practice Standards

- Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them
- Reason abstractly and quantitatively
- Construct viable arguments & critique the reasoning of others
- Model with mathematics
- Use appropriate tools strategically
- Attend to precision
- Look for and make sense of structure
- Look for and express regularity in repeated reasoning



PARCC Assessments

- What is PARCC?
- What will it look like?
- When will PARCC assessments be administered?



**Partnership for Assessment of
Readiness for College and Careers**



PARCC Assessments

- The Partnership for Assessments of College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of states working together to develop a common set of computer-based K-12 assessments in English Language Arts/Literacy and Math linked to the new, more rigorous Common Core State Standards (CCSS).



PARCC Assessments

- Beginning in 2014-2015, PARCC Assessments will replace NJASK in grades 3-8. At the high school level, End of Course exams will be introduced for English 9, 10, 11 and Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2.
- PARCC Assessments are comprised of two sections:
 - Performance Based Assessment (PBA)
 - End of Year Assessment (EOY)



Two Required Assessments Yield Overall Score

Beginning of School Year

End of
School Year

Flexible
administration

Diagnostic
Assessment

Mid-Year
Assessment

Performance-
Based
Assessment

End-of-Year
Assessment

Speaking and
Listening
Assessment

Key:

Optional

Required



PARCC Assessments

Teachers, students, parents, and others can engage with the sample items using computer-based tools such as drag-and-drop, multiple select, text highlighting, and an equation builder. PARCC has also released online tutorials that demonstrate how students will navigate the test, how to use the computer-based tools, and features that make the test more accessible for all students, including those with disabilities and English learners.



<http://practice.parcc.testnav.com/#>



In the Keansburg School District...

- Are we prepared for PARCC?
 - Full implementation of the Common Core State Standards
 - Focus on informational text (non-fiction), citing text, and critical analysis in ELA and the contents
 - Focus on fact fluency and problem solving in Mathematics



In the Keansburg School District...

- What about the technology needs that are required for computer-based testing?
 - Technology specifications for computer-based testing was sent to districts two-years ago
 - Recent upgrades to our network systems and the additional purchasing of equipment has put KSD “ahead of the curve” in the area of PARCC preparedness
 - Increased focus on technology skills such as typing, “click & drag”, and utilizing multiple windows has been a priority at each school



Keansburg School District Testing Dates

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PBA

- March 2 - 6 3rd Grade
- March 9 - 13 4th grade
- March 16 - 20 Make-ups

EOY

- April 28, 29, 30 3rd grade
- May 5,6,7 4th grade
- May 11 - 15 Make-ups



Keansburg School District Testing Dates

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PBA

- 5th* – 8th grades (*5th grade subject to slight changes)
- March 10,11,12
- March 13,16,17 Make-ups

EOY

- 5th*- 8th grades
- May 12,13
- May 14,15 18 Make-ups



Keansburg School District Testing Dates

KHS

PBA

- March 3,4,5
- March 9 - 13 Make-ups

EOY

- May 6.7
- May 12,13,14 Make-ups



Questions?



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Resources and References

www.corestandards.org

www.achievethecore.org

www.PARCCOnline.org

www.keansburg.k12.nj.us

