

PARCC Q&A- Parent Nights
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Parent Question	Answer
Can the children ask questions after the tests have started? Particularly technology related?	Students are not allowed to ask technology related questions once the test has begun. If they experience a technology issue, they may report it to the test administrator who will assist where possible. Example- computer freezes, issue with the test...
How many proctors to a testing session?	There will be one person serving as a test administrator during the testing in each room. Other individuals "proctors" will be available to assist if/when necessary. All staff members are trained as Test Administrators should an emergency occur.
What happens if the computers crash?	For any technology issue that can't be fixed immediately on the computer, a student will be offered another computer and a form will be filled out indicating the issue that occurred.
If other districts have opted out, why can't we?	The State of New Jersey does not allow for an opt out option.
What percentage of the questions are asked at grade level, below level, and above grade level expectations?	The PARCC is designed to match up with the Common Core standards aligned to each grade level. Students taking the PARCC in 3rd grade will be exposed to questions aligning to the Common Core standards for 3rd grade.
Are the results mailed home to the parents in the fall like ASK?	PARCC scores will be sent home to the parents in the fall.
Will they have unlimited access to scrap paper?	Students will be provided with scratch paper. Additional pages will be provided during testing as needed.
Wouldn't the teacher know how well or poor their students are doing? Why such a confusing test to figure this out?	The state of New Jersey requires schools receiving state and federal funds to follow specific guidelines. It is a state requirement that all students in New Jersey participate in the PARCC testing.
Will this test determine placement into basic skills class?	There is never one indicator for a basic skills placement. Placement is determined by several items such as: grades the previous year, teacher recommendation, conversations with the parents, student feedback, MAP scores... It is not known if PARCC scores will be available to be referenced during the 2015-2016 placements, as we do not expect the results until the fall.