



PARCC in U-46

Larsen Middle School 4/3-4/5

What is the PARCC exam?

- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers exam
- Yearly assessment to measure student learning
- Grades 3 to 8
 - English Language Arts and Math



Why PARCC?

- Lines up with updated Illinois Learning Standards
- Asks students to demonstrate and apply their knowledge and skills
- Measures students' problem-solving abilities, critical thinking, and writing skills
- PARCC exam has higher expectations for what it means to truly master content and grade level standards



What will my child experience with PARCC?

- Online test
- Video and audio
- Writing at every grade level
- Multi-step math problems



When will my child take the PARCC exam?

- The testing window for elementary and middle schools within U-46 is from March 5th through April 20th
- Each school will create their own schedule to fit within that window



How does the testing window impact my child?

Subject – Grade	Unit	Unit Testing Time in Minutes
Math – Grade 3	Unit 1	60
Math – Grade 3	Unit 2	60
Math – Grade 3	Unit 3	60
Math – Grade 3	Unit 3	60
ELA – Grade 3	Unit 1	75
ELA – Grade 3	Unit 2	75
ELA – Grade 3	Unit 3	75
Math – Grade 4	Unit 1	60
Math – Grade 4	Unit 2	60
Math – Grade 4	Unit 3	60
Math – Grade 4	Unit 4	60
ELA – Grade 4	Unit 1	90
ELA – Grade 4	Unit 2	90
ELA – Grade 4	Unit 3	90

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Subject – Grade	Unit	Unit Testing Time in Minutes
Math – Grade 5	Unit 1	60
Math – Grade 5	Unit 2	60
Math – Grade 5	Unit 3	60
Math – Grade 5	Unit 3	60
ELA – Grade 5	Unit 1	90
ELA – Grade 5	Unit 2	90
ELA – Grade 5	Unit 3	90
Math – Grade 6	Unit 1	80
Math – Grade 6	Unit 2	80
Math – Grade 6	Unit 3	80
ELA – Grade 6	Unit 1	90
ELA – Grade 6	Unit 2	90
ELA – Grade 6	Unit 3	90

Subject – Grade	Unit	Unit Testing Time in Minutes
Math – Grade 7	Unit 1	80
Math – Grade 7	Unit 2	80
Math – Grade 7	Unit 3	80
ELA – Grade 7	Unit 1	90
ELA – Grade 7	Unit 2	90
ELA – Grade 7	Unit 3	90
Math – Grade 8	Unit 1	80
Math – Grade 8	Unit 2	80
Math – Grade 8	Unit 3	80
ELA – Grade 8	Unit 1	90
ELA – Grade 8	Unit 2	90
ELA – Grade 8	Unit 3	90



How can I prepare my child for this assessment?

- Meet with your child's teacher as often as needed to discuss his or her progress. Ask the teacher to suggest activities for you and your child to do at home to help prepare for tests and improve your child's understanding of schoolwork.
- **∮**rovide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home.
- Make sure that your child is well rested on school days , as well as on the day of a test. Children who are tired are less able to pay attention in class or to handle the demands of a test.
- five your child a well-rounded diet. A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind.
- For PARCC, try the practice test at home. *f* <u>http://parcconline.org/assessments/practice-tests</u>

