

# Common Core and PARCC

*A quick look at the new PARCC Assessments for 14-15  
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# What is PARCC?

**Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career.**

[www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org)

This is the organization that is crafting the new Common Core aligned assessments.

# When will we see PARCC assessments?

PARCC assessments are slated for implementation in the 2014-15 school year and will be computer based.

Two summative, required assessments at the end of the school year. (PBA - Performance Based Assessment & EOY - End of Year Assessment)

Two non-summative, ***optional*** assessments at beginning and middle of the school year may be available in 2015-2016

# When will we see PARCC assessments?

PARCC Tests are being developed for *all students* who take:

**\*\*\*CHANGE\*\*\***

**FR English - PBA & EOY in Spring 2015**

**Algebra 1 - PBA & EOY in Spring 2015**

SO English - scheduled for Spring 2016 pending state funds

Geometry - scheduled for Spring 2016 pending state funds

**JR English - scheduled for Spring 2016 pending state funds**

**Algebra 2 - scheduled for Spring 2016 pending state funds**

# How does this fit with ACT?

ACT is still preferred by colleges for their admission process

In 2015, IL will provide the ACT & Workkeys to districts & JR students at no charge.

In the future, students will likely have to take the ACT on a National Testing Day (Saturday). Waivers will be available for students from low-income families.

# BHS Testing Calendar 2014-2015

October 15 2014: EXPLORE (FR), PSAT (SO), Practice ACT (JR)

ACT & Workkeys (JR): March 3rd & 4th, 2015

FR English PBA & Algebra 1 PBA Window: March 9 - April 10 2015

FR English EOY & Algebra 1 EOY Window: April 27 - May 22 2015

AP Testing Window: May 4 - May 15 2015

# What do the PARCC assessments look like?

Samples are available online:

<http://www.parcconline.org/practice-tests>

# How do we prepare students for PARCC?

Align our instruction to the Common Core State Standards.

- New Curriculum in ELA & Math

- Focus on Literacy in all content areas including Non-fiction texts

[http://www.u-46.org/pages/SDU46/Departments\\_Programs/6228203938201390514/Student\\_Learning](http://www.u-46.org/pages/SDU46/Departments_Programs/6228203938201390514/Student_Learning)



# What can you do at home?

Familiarize your student with the Practice Tests

<http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/>

Encourage students to not give up on challenging problems

Know the testing dates and help your student get plenty of sleep and healthy food so their minds are ready

# Questions?

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