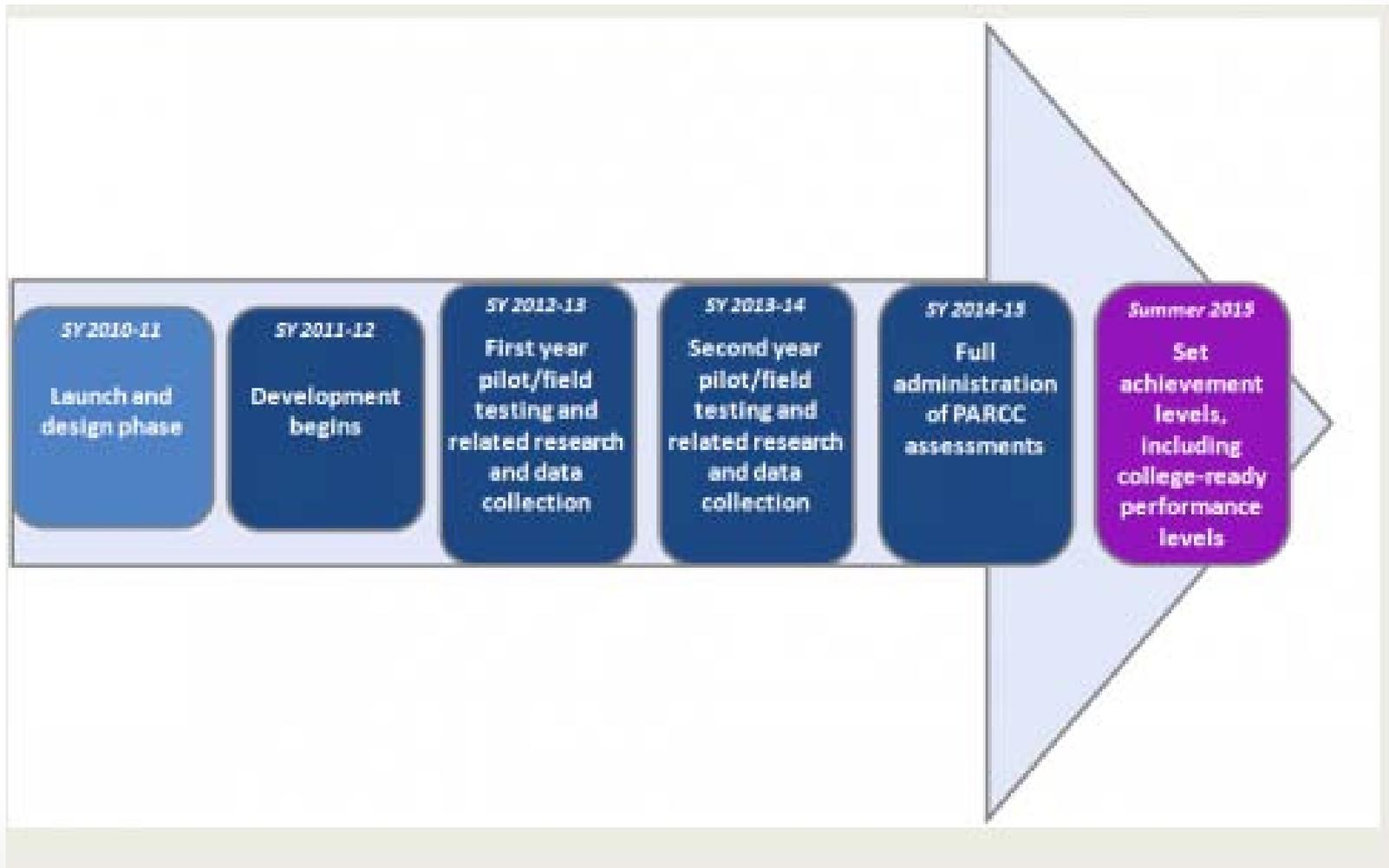


Update: PARCC Field Testing

New Jersey Department of Education

PARCC Development



NJ's Goals for Field Tests

- Introduce as many adults to PARCC as possible!
- Involve as many schools as possible to test technology set up.
- Recognize that there are a lot of demands on schools, so participation was voluntary.
- Gain as much feedback as possible about:
 - What we know we don't know
 - What we don't know we don't know

Participation in Field Tests

- Representative Sample drawn in June/July 2013
- Invitations to participate sent in Fall 2013
- Sample finalized in December 2013
- Part I → Performance Based Assessment – March-April
- Part II → End of Year – May-June

- Sampling resulted in 445 districts participating in the Field Test, approximately 70% of districts across the state

- However, we were able to accommodate requests to participate from districts that were not originally invited, bringing our total number of districts participating to 488, or approximately 77% of districts statewide

Resources: On-demand modules

Field Test Training Modules

PARCC has released **Field Test Training Modules**, which are on-demand recorded webinars for LEA/District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, and Test Administrators. Technology related training modules include:

- [Setting Up An Infrastructure Trial/Dress Rehearsal](#)
- [Technology Setup](#)
- [Emerging Technologies and Security with Computer-Based Testing](#)
- [Student Data Upload Overview](#)
- [SystemCheck Tool Training Module](#)
- [How to Install Proctor Cache for PCs](#)
- [How to Install Proctor Cache for Macs](#)
- [How to Proctor Cache a Test Session](#)
- [Configure TestNav and Proctoc Caching](#)

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Proctor Caching Resources

PARCC strongly recommends the use of Proctor Caching to reduce the bandwidth requirements on your network and internet service provider. Proctor Caching software will be available to all PARCC schools as part of the Pearson TestNav 8 delivery platform. Caching helps avoid potential bottlenecks from testing traffic due to slower network switches, a shared Internet connection, or any other constraint from large-scale assessment traffic.

Name	Description	Audience	Publication Date
Proctor Caching Installer	The Proctor Caching Installer is a software program that enables districts to download encrypted test content to a local computer. This reduces the amount of bandwidth required for online testing.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	12/9/2013
Proctor Caching Guide	The Proctor Caching Guide includes step-by-step instructions for using the Proctor Cache System.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	12/9/2013
Proctor Caching Strategies	This guide provides Proctor Caching Strategies to better manage network traffic demand during online high-stakes assessments.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	8/2/2013

Resources: System Check

SystemCheck Resources

The PARCC SystemCheck for TestNav was designed to help district and school technology personnel begin to assess their overall technology readiness for computer-based testing. This tool includes two tabs, the first addresses device readiness and the second looks at network infrastructure readiness. The functions of each tab are detailed below:

1. The "Check Your System" tab – Includes tools to validate whether system requirements are met on each testing workstation and to verify whether TestNav can display and run on the workstation.
2. The "Testing Capacity" tab – Includes bandwidth testing for Internet and Proctor Caching connections and provides volume estimates for capacity planning.

NOTE: On 1/17/2014 changes were made to the PARCC SystemCheck calculation for testing capacity. Schools that used the SystemCheck Tool testing capacity function prior to these changes will need to re-run the testing capacity calculation. Using the most recent version of the SystemCheck Tool will ensure your testing capacity is sufficient for the number of concurrent students you plan to test during the Spring 2014 PARCC Field Test.

Name	Description	Audience	Publication Date
SystemCheck User's Guide	The SystemCheck User's Guide includes step-by-step instructions for using the SystemCheck tool to review device and network readiness.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	2/6/2014
SystemCheck Tool	The SystemCheck Tool allows customers to validate that their testing workstations meet the minimum requirements needed to run TestNav. This tool has two tabs; the first includes tools to validate system requirements and verify whether TestNav can display and run on a workstation, and the second provides bandwidth testing for Internet and Proctor Caching connections.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	11/20/2013
SystemCheck Tool Training	SystemCheck Tool Training is a PowerPoint presentation with step-by-step instructions for conducting a SystemCheck.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	11/20/2013
SystemCheck Tool Training Module	The SystemCheck Tool Training Module contains information about using the SystemCheck tool to review device and network readiness. It provides information about the content and usage of the two available tools, and examples of error messages and successful completion of device check and network capacity check.	LEA/District Test Coordinators School Test Coordinators Technology Coordinators	11/20/2013

Sample Items

Sample Items

Try out sample test questions on the technology platform that students will use when taking the Field Test later this spring. Teachers, students, parents and others can engage with the different types of items (drag-and-drop, multiple select, etc.) and computer based tools (calculator, highlighter, etc.) that will be available. These Sample Item Sets are web-based, available 24/7, and require no log in or password. To get a true understanding of the range of rigor, item types and functionalities, users should try test items in more than just one grade, as each grade level does not have all item types. Sample Items will not be scored.

The PARCC ELA/Literacy summative assessments will include one prose constructed response (PCR) item for each of the tasks that appear on the performance-based assessment component of the PARCC summative assessments. PARCC draft generic rubrics are available to score the three PCRs for **Grade 3, Grades 4-5, and Grades 6-11**. [Click here for more information on rubrics.](#)

PDF versions of the sample items are also available [here](#).

Wait! Before you start, does your computer, laptop, or tablet have what it takes? The PARCC assessment works with many devices and browsers, but not all. **Find out the technology guidelines here.**

Name	Audience	ELA Literacy Rubric	Additional Information	Publication Date
Grade 3-5 ELA Item Set Grade 3-5 Math Item Set	Grades 3-5 students Grades 3-5 educators	Grade 3 - Generic Rubrics (Draft) Grades 4-5 - Generic Rubrics (Draft)	While the availability of some passages is limited temporarily due to pending permissions, PARCC is continuing to present all sample items to support users in better understanding item types and functionalities.	3/13/2014
Grade 6-8 ELA Item Set Grade 6-8 Math Item Set	Grades 6-8 students Grades 6-8 educators	Grades 6-11 - Generic Rubrics (Draft)	While the availability of some passages is limited temporarily due to pending permissions, PARCC is continuing to present all sample items to support users in better understanding item types and functionalities.	3/13/2014
High School ELA Item Set High School Math Item Set	High school students High school educators	Grades 6-11 - Generic Rubrics (Draft)	TI Graphing Calculator Software	3/13/2014

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Tutorial

The purpose of the **tutorial** is to demonstrate the navigation and tools available on the assessment technology platform (TestNav 8). The tutorial will contain a sequence of items that demonstrate basic TestNav 8 navigation and tools. The items appearing in this tutorial are not PARCC items. They are samples used to allow students and educators to become familiar with the assessment technology platform that will be used for PARCC assessments.

Wait! Before you start, does your computer, laptop, or tablet have what it takes? The PARCC assessment works with many devices and browsers, but not all. **Find the guidelines here.**

Name	Description	Audience
Tutorial	This tutorial should be used to familiarize students with how to navigate the TestNav 8 computer-based environment (advancing, going back, tool bar, embedded supports and accommodations)	Students and Educators
Equation Editor (EE) Quick Reference Guide ▾	These quick reference guides will help familiarize students with how to use the Equation Editor Tool.	Students and Educators
Equation Editor Tutorial		Students and Educators
Text to Speech Tutorial ▾	These tutorials will help familiarize students with how to use the TestNav 8 computer-based Text to Speech accommodation.	Students and Educators
Graphing Calculator (Windows)	These links connect to Texas Instruments' Graphing Calculator software trial version that can be downloaded and accessed for 90 days. The software may be used to familiarize students with the online Texas Instruments TI-84+ graphing calculator which is available in the Infrastructure Trial, Field Tests, and Operational	Students and Educators

Practice Exams, in ELA & Math

Mathematics			
Name	Audience	Rubric/Answer Keys	Additional Information
Grade 3 EOY	Grade 3 students Grade 3 educators	Grade 3 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Grade 4 EOY	Grade 4 students Grade 4 educators	Grade 4 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Grade 5 EOY	Grade 5 students Grade 5 educators	Grade 5 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Grade 6 EOY	Grade 6 students Grade 6 educators	Grade 6 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Grade 7 EOY	Grade 7 students Grade 7 educators	Grade 7 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Grade 8 EOY	Grade 8 students Grade 8 educators	Grade 8 Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Algebra I EOY	Algebra I students Algebra I educators	Algebra I Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Geometry EOY	Geometry students Geometry educators	Geometry Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.
Algebra II EOY	Algebra II students Algebra II educators	Algebra II Answer Keys	This set contains a complete EOY test.

Most NJ Test Administrators had no prior experience with computer-based tests

- Q: Have you ever administered a computer-based test to students before (either at the state or district level)?
- Yes: 22%
- No: 78%

Feedback

- Secaucus HS Principal Robert Presuto: “One good thing about PARCC, if we do it right, it will make it easier for students and teachers.”
- Wallington Schools Supt James Albro: “I want to say it couldn’t have gone better, because it really couldn’t have. Everything that we’re seeing tells us we’re in good shape.”
- Mount Olive Supt Larrie Reynolds: “With PARCC, school isn’t about getting through, but about giving you the capabilities that you need in life. Harder is the wrong word. It’s more in-depth. You’re taking knowledge to a deeper level.”
- West Milford Supt Dr. McLaughlin: “Feedback concerning our first time PARCC testing indicated that with minor exceptions, everything went smoothly.”

Feedback, continued...



John Fritzky @JohnFritzky · Apr 1

From what I have seen PARCC requires Ss to have a deeper DOK. Teachers need to adjust Q's in class. #njed

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Bruce Arcurio @PrincipalArc · Apr 1

@iSuperEit @AJBianco #njed - Overall, no. The fifth graders were great with the laptop track pads, which I was worried about.

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Jill Dobrowansky @MrsD122 · Mar 28

@PARCCPlace @BariErlichson @antfitz Looking forward to week 2 of #parccfieldtest. ChromeBooks & Infrastructure working perfectly! #satchat

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Dana Sirotiak @Sirotiak02 · Apr 1

I like the highlighting tool for close reading exercises. We are preparing our Ss to use when annotating. Happy 2 see tool on test #njed

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Sherry Spier @TheExSPIERience · Mar 25

@PARCCPlace First day of testing was overall a nice walk in the #parcc.
#parccfieldtest

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Tim Charleston @MrCsays · Apr 1

If your Ss are used to using tech in class daily, this is a synch. I would agree that the question types are much different #njed

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Greenwich Township @greenwichtwp · 20h

@BariErlichson #PARCCfieldtest went very well! A few bumps in the beginning , we worked through. Kids were AMAZING! Ready for #Day2

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Matt Mingle @mmingle1 · Mar 31

Some weird input box, comma requirements and such but kids are adapting well so far. #PARCCfieldtest #PARCC

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Matt Mingle @mmingle1 · Mar 31

Love the fact that Ss are explaining thinking for math problems. Far superior to get the right answer mc of old. #PARCCfieldtest #PARCC

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Sandra Paul @spaul6414 · 10h

#PARCC field testing went well today. Day 2 for 3rd graders. No tech issues. Tech staff was awesome! Grt team. #edtechchat #satchat #njed

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Joel Handler @jhandlerHTPS · Mar 31

#parccfieldtest @PARCCPlace Student went to start and it wouldn't let him start Q1. We exited the test and resumed and was fine. Quirky

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Integrated technology



Janet DeSenzo @jantechnj · Apr 1

@MichLampinen yes -teachers need to recognize that CC standards have tech interwoven throughout - not just the tech T responsibility #njed

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Michelle Lampinen @MichLampinen · Apr 1

@jantechnj Yes! Just as the literacy standards are everyone's responsibility. I do like how it'll push more interdisciplinary work #njed

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Higher expectations for students

-  **AJ Bianco** @AJBianco · Apr 1
PARCC test had MC were 6 options were given & students were asked to answer all that applied, could be 1, could be all 6, different #njed
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-  **Christopher Lehman** @iChrisLehman · Apr 1
[@AJBianco](#) that's tougher than the #GRE #njed
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-  **AJ Bianco** @AJBianco · Apr 1
[@iChrisLehman](#) Yeah - my 7th graders had a tough time. Its just not questions that they are used to seeing. #njed
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-  **John Fritzky** @JohnFritzky · Apr 1
[@AJBianco](#) [@iChrisLehman](#) Makes you think about the Q's we are asking in class doesn't it? #njed
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-  **AJ Bianco** @AJBianco · Apr 1
[@JohnFritzky](#) [@iChrisLehman](#) It completely changes everything in how I prepare and tech my Ss. Big changes in math. Txbk need change! #njed
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Next steps

- EOY Field testing is underway
- Develop NJ Specific administration directions
- Streamline PARCC manuals
- Conduct regional training sessions for test administrators during the Fall
- Continue the outreach to non-participants and others
- New practice exams to be released in the Fall
- Encourage use of resources