

**Partnership for Assessment
and Readiness (PARCC)
for
College and Career**



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PARCC Consortium Information



- Fourteen states, including Maryland will participate in the field test in Spring, 2014.
- Pearson and ETS serve as the vendors conducting the field test. To date, Maryland has been allocated 49,441 seats.
- Every school in Maryland will field test in one classroom with 25-30 students.
- Field Test window: March 24 to April 11, 2014-
Performance Based component; May 5 to June 6, 2014-
End of Year component

PARCC Consortium Information



- PARCC released cost estimates for the summative assessments in Spring, 2015.
- Cost: \$29.50 per student for both ELA and Mathematics
- The Accommodations and Accessibility for PARCC assessments was released in July, 2013.

PARCC Field Testing in Maryland



- 2013-2014 Assessment in Maryland: “One child, One test”
- Purpose of the field test: to determine that assessments created are valid and reliable and meet USDE’s “absolute priorities”,
- to focus on challenging content standards to ensure assessments provide an accurate measure of student performance along the full performance continuum
- There will be NO scores given to students for PARCC field tests.

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– Elementary/Middle School Field Testing

- Students who take the field test at the elementary and middle school level will NOT take the Reading/Mathematics MSA. **All other students will take the MSA in 2013-2014.**
- Students taking the science MSA in grades 5 and 8 will NOT participate in the Performance-based field test (March-April, 2014) component because of the administration of science MSA.

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High School Field Testing

- Algebra I and English 10 students will NOT participate in the PARCC field test because all students enrolled in these courses need a test score as a high school graduation requirement.
- Field testing will occur in English 9, English 11, Geometry, and Algebra II.
- There will be no change to the High School Assessment schedule in 2013-2014.

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- States that participate in field testing may apply for a waiver from USDE for accountability reporting and teacher performance decisions during the 2013-2014 school year.
- **School Capacity for Computer-Based Testing**
 - Based upon current status for MSA/HSA testing, 6 districts are “fully ready” for online testing, 12 districts are “approaching readiness” and 7 districts “need support”
 - Through the services of Education Superhighway, a non-profit, every school in the state will be tested to determine online capability in October, 2013.

MSDE and PARCC



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