

The PARCC Assessment Road Map

Step 1: Take the Test, Spring 2015

5 million

students in 11 states & DC take test

Students take quality mathematics & English language arts/literacy assessments designed by educators to provide information on student progress and a road map for college and career readiness.

Step 2: Score the Test, Spring-Early Summer 2015

14,500 scorers

Three-quarters with teaching experience, all with 4-year degrees

Go through extensive training to focus on hand scoring a handful of individual questions.

Step 4: Vote to Adopt Performance Levels, August-September 2015

State education chiefs

from K-12 and higher education

Review and vote to adopt common performance level "cut scores." Each state decides on its own any additional uses of scores.

Step 3: Set Performance Levels, July-August 2015

240 educators

and experts selected by states

Meet to review grade-level assessments and determine what ranges of scores best match Performance Levels 1-5.

Step 5: Share Score Reports, Fall 2015

Millions of parents

receive their students' score report from their school district

The report provides actionable information to help parents, teachers and schools to work together to support students' needs, identify strengths and enhance learning.

Step 6: Sets new Baseline to Drive Growth, 2015 and beyond

All students

Anytime there's a new test, the first year of scores can't be compared to old ones. It's a new baseline, and scores will improve each year as teachers and students become more familiar with the standards and assessments.