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## *COUNTDOWN TO PARCC* FOR ADMINISTRATORS

### **PARCC TOP TEN: TEN IMPORTANT PARCC PROCEDURES FOR 2015**

PARCC offers English language arts (ELA) assessments for grades 3 – 11 and math tests for grades 3 – 8, algebra I, geometry, and algebra II. Students should test according to the following protocol:

1. Students in grades 3 – 7 take grade level PARCC assessments in ELA and math.
2. Students in grade 8 take grade 8 ELA and may take either grade 8 math or a high school math test that aligns with their current math course.
3. High school students take tests that align with their current courses. For example, a tenth grader in 11<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and geometry should take the 11<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and geometry PARCC assessments. Ninth graders in pre-algebra should take the grade 8 math PARCC assessment.
4. High school students *not* in PARCC-tested courses *do not* test PARCC in that subject (ELA or math). For example, a student in 11<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and pre-calculus should take the 11<sup>th</sup> grade PARCC ELA assessment but should *not* take a PARCC math assessment. An exception exists for students in math courses above the level of algebra II or who waived Algebra II and have not met math graduation assessment requirements. These students should take either the PARCC geometry or algebra II assessment.
5. High school students taking two PARCC-aligned courses should only test on the higher-level course. For example, a student taking geometry and algebra II will only take the PARCC algebra II assessment.
6. 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (students in their final year of high school) do not test PARCC in the spring.
7. The PARCC assessments will be available in the fall/winter block beginning in fall 2016. These will be available for students taking semester courses and as retests for students to meet graduation requirements in ELA and/or math.
8. Eligible Spanish-speaking English learners may take the Spanish version of the PARCC math assessment. In 2015, these students will take the Spanish literacy assessment from Measured Progress instead of the PARCC ELA assessment.
9. PARCC is an online assessment intended for computer based test (CBT) administration. PED will allow for a small number of paper-based test (PBT) administrations and will provide a *CBT Waiver* in fall 2014.
10. All students taking PARCC ELA will need headphones. These headphones have no requirements and may be as simple as earbuds.

See <http://www.parcconline.org/> or <http://parcc-test.pearson.com/> for PARCC information.