



## The PARCC Tests

### Modern, high-Quality assessments

The PARCC assessment system is an annual year-end test in English language arts/literacy, and mathematics in grades 3-8 and high school.

Most states voluntarily adopted new, more rigorous academic standards in 2010 and 2011 and teachers have been using them since then in their daily instruction. As a result, states needed high-quality assessments aligned to those standards that would test students of all achievement levels on what they are learning.

Many of the old state tests measured only lower-level skills. The new assessments serve as an "educational GPS system," measure students' current performance, and point the way to what students need to learn by graduation so they are ready for college and/or a career.

The PARCC Assessments are administered for grades 3-11<sup>th</sup> Grade. High School students are highly encouraged to take these assessments seriously because their graduating from High School is dependent upon passing these end of year assessments. Students have two attempts to take the PARCC exam successfully. Should students not be successful by the two attempts, then, students will have to show alternative demonstration of competency. Therefore, it is essential that students make the very best attempt to be successful at passing these assessments.

### PARCC Testing Schedule:

April 3-5 MS ELA and Math

April 10-11 HS ELA

April 18-19 HS Math

**\*Please consult the Mesa Vista Middle-High School web site for other standardized testing dates and essential resource information for parents regarding PARCC.**

# PARENT RESOURCES

About the PARCC Assessment System (Grade level assessment, Performance Level Descriptors, Sample Questions, Policies and Guidance, Research)- <http://www.parcconline.org/assessment-system>

- Take the Test! PARCC has a test online that parents and students can try. <http://www.parcconline.org/take-the-test>
- PARCC offers information about the assessments including fact sheets, a glossary and sample test questions. <http://parcconline.org/for-parents>
- New Mexico Common Core. <http://newmexicocommoncore.org/parents/>
- Understanding the score report. <http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/score-results>
- National Parent Teacher Association offers grade-by-grade parent guides for student success. Available in English and Spanish. [www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583](http://www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583)
- Resource for parents to understand what mastery looks like and tools to build skills. <http://bealearninghero.org>
- A tool to understand state test results. <http://UnderstandTheScore.org>
- A variety of resources for parents and students to understand New Mexico's PARCC. <http://nmparcc.com>
- For Educators: <http://www.parcconline.org/for-educators>
- **PARCC Common Questions FAQ**
- **Assessment Participation FAQ**