Upcoming Webinars

We have planned many upcoming webinar opportunities to provide support during PARCC testing. Every Friday (10am) for the next several weeks we will be holding our usual Illinois Assessment Update webinar. For more information and to register for the next two, click here and here. Additionally, we will make ourselves available every Tuesday at 1:30pm for an Open Office Hour where we will just be online to respond to questions, concerns, and feedback. For more information and to register for these, click here.

PAST UPDATES YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

Critical Warning Flags in PearsonAccess Next Live Site

Every student record in PearsonAccess Next will display at least two critical warning messages to the right of the state student ID. This is because ISBE does not collect nor send information for the “Gifted and Talented” field nor for the EL Title III field. Neither of these fields are required, so these critical warnings will not affect testing and can be disregarded. Further, any student who has “two or more races” entered in SIS will display two additional critical warnings, for a total of four. Again, these critical warnings will not affect testing and can be disregarded.

PARCC Communication Plan

We have created a communication plan to address your needs in the most efficient way possible. It lists various topics and provides resources and contact information to get the assistance you need. You can find this plan here.

Test Administrator Walkthrough Webinar

On Tues., Feb. 10 we recorded a webinar designed to walk Test Administrators through the process of administering the test. This recording and accompanying PowerPoint can be found here under “Presentations and Webinars.”

PARCC Precache Availability

Precaching is now available in Illinois. In order to do this, proctor caching and sessions must be set up first. It is important to remember that any changes to a student PNP after caching might result in the needed test forms not being cached. It is our strong recommendation that you cache again right before testing starts.

Who May Administer the PARCC Assessments?

For information on who is eligible to be a test administrator, click here.

PARCC Make-Up Testing Directions for Computer-Based Testing

The directions for computerized make-up testing have been posted on Avocet. You can find them here.
PARCC Student Log-out Procedures

We have received several questions about the log out procedures for students in TestNav. This document (with screenshots) will hopefully provide more clarification.

PARCC Highlighter and Stray Marks Guidance

PARCC has released a document to provide guidance on the use of highlighters and other marks on the PARCC paper tests. This document can be found here.

PARCC ELA/L Field Test

PARCC is seeking participants for a spring 2015 field test of the ELA/L, performance-based assessments in grades 3-11. This field test will examine the quality of newly-developed tasks for inclusion in the 2015-16 assessment. These ELA/L items are being field tested separately because they require longer, written responses. Each participating student will respond to one task that could be either Literary Analysis, Research Simulation, or Narrative Writing. The time requirements are below.

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The field test administration may occur any time between May 4 and June 5, 2015. Interested schools and districts should complete this interest survey, https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PARCC_ELA_FT. ISBE will contact those interested with additional details.

We appreciate your consideration, and hope that you choose to participate in this opportunity. An announcement and FAQ page are posted under “Announcements” here, http://www.isbe.net/assessment/parcc.htm. Please, contact 866-317-6097 with any questions.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Illinois Assessments Key Dates Calendar

PARCC
- PearsonAccess Next FAQ
- PARCC.pearson.com
- PARCC FAQ
- Math Reference Sheets
  - Grades 5-8
  - High School
- PARCC Manuals
- Scheduling PARCC Assessments
- Setting Up and Managing Test Sessions
- PARCC Text-to-Speech Functionality
- Test Administrator Scripts (Verbal Directions)
- PARCC Technology Resources
DLM

- [http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois](http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois)
- Assessment Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- Technical Liaison Manual
- Accessibility Manual
- Guide to Required Training
- Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets

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