Additional Method for Submitting Irregularities (PARCC)

In addition to using the fax option, we have set up an online secure data transfer method for irregularities. On the ISBE home page you can click Send ISBE a File and send to the email name “PARCC Irregularities.”

Additional Method for Submitting Undo Student Test Submission Requests (Computer-Based PARCC)

In addition to using the fax option, we have set up an online secure data transfer method for undo student test submission requests. On the ISBE home page you can click Send ISBE a File and send to the email “PARCC Undo Student Test Submission.” Click here for an updated electronic request form. This situation would occur when a student is erroneously in “complete” status but has not finished the test.

Upcoming Webinars

We have planned many upcoming webinar opportunities to provide support during testing. Every Friday (10am) for the next several weeks we will be holding our usual Illinois Assessment Update webinar. This will cover all Illinois state assessments (PARCC, DLM, ACT, etc.). For more information and to register for the next two, click here and here. We have also scheduled recurring PARCC Open Office Hours (Tuesdays at 1:30pm) and DLM Open Office Hours (Thursdays at 11am) where we will just be online to respond to questions, concerns, and feedback.

What to do in the case of an incorrect accommodation delivery issue (PARCC Computer-Based)

Please click here for information on how to handle a missing or incorrect accommodation delivery issue (and the student has already begun testing). This document includes information on voiding a test if necessary. All users with the role of LEA/District Test Coordinator have been given the Student Test Update Role which allows for the voiding of tests.

If the issue is discovered before the student logs in to the test (is still in “ready” status), these directions can be followed: http://avocet.pearson.com/PARCC/Home#7427.

DLM Test Window Updated

The DLM Test Window opens Monday, March 16 and goes through Friday, May 8. This 8-week window is available for all districts in Illinois.

New DLM Resources

The following resources are posted here.

- Retrieve Testlet Information Page (TIP) for Spring 2015
- Human Read Aloud Support for Spring 2015
- How to Monitor DLM Spring 2015 Test Administration
- Frequency of Testlet Delivery During Spring 2015 Testing

DLM/KITE Help Desk Contact Information
PAST UPDATES YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

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.

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 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.

Reason Not Tested in PearsonAccess Next (PARCC Computer-Based)

When marking a test complete in PearsonAccess Next (please refer to “Marking Tests Complete” above), the system will require a reason to be entered in an open-ended field. Though it is required to complete the action, this reason will not be reported as the official reason. The official reason not tested will be indicated during the ISBE corrections window. Districts should enter a clear, logical explanation in this field for organizational purposes.

Quick Tips for PARCC Test Administrators

PARCC has developed a document based on the most frequently asked questions posed to their Support Center. You can find it here.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Illinois Assessments Key Dates Calendar
- PearsonAccess Next FAQ
- PARCC.pearson.com
- PARCC FAQ
- Math Reference Sheets
  - Grades 5-8
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- 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
- Assessment Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- Technical Liaison Manual
- Accessibility Manual
- Guide to Required Training

Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets