PARCC is looking for schools to participate in a spring 2015 field test of tasks for the English language arts/literacy (ELA/L) performance-based assessments in grades 3 – 11. Below is information regarding the administration of the field test and how schools can start the registration process to participate.

1. **What is the PARCC ELA/L PBA Field Test?**
   Three types of performance-based tasks will be field tested in spring 2015: Narrative Writing, Research Simulation, and Literary Analysis. The purpose of the field test is to examine the quality of newly-developed performance-based tasks to help determine whether they should be included on PARCC assessments in the 2015-16 school year. District/LEA, school and individual student scores will not be generated as part of the field test.

2. **When is the test being administered?**
   Schools may administer the ELA/L PBA field test any time between May 4 and June 5, 2015.

3. **What will students experience during the ELA/L PBA field test?**
   Each student participating in the ELA/L PBA field test will take one task, which will require approximately 60-90 minutes, depending on grade level and task type. During the registration process, schools will sign up to administer a particular grade level and task type. Information about the unit time for each task type is listed in the table below.

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4. **How do schools register to participate?**
   Schools and districts that are interested in participating in the ELA/L PBA field test should complete the interest survey linked here: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PARCC_ELA_FT](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PARCC_ELA_FT). The survey will ask which grade levels and tasks schools are interested in field testing. States will follow up with interested schools to provide detailed information about how to register for the PARCC ELA/L field test. Schools wishing to take the ELA/L field test on paper or braille must register by Friday, February 20.

5. **Will paper testing be available?**
   The primary mode of administration for the field test will be computer-based. A limited number of paper tests will be available for schools that wish to participate in the ELA/L PBA field test but are unable to do so online. Schools wishing to take the ELA/L PBA field test on paper or braille must register by Friday, February 20.
6. **Is there a field test for mathematics?**
   No. Field test questions are embedded in the PARCC mathematics assessments and in the ELA/L end-of-year assessment.

7. **What training materials are available?**
   An ELA/L PBA field test administration manual will be available to participants. Schools that register by February 20 will be sent hard copies of the manual. Online training modules that were created for the spring 2015 PARCC administration can help schools prepare for the field test, as the processes to register students and prepare devices for testing are the same.