

Introduction

The PARCC assessment allows for greater access and tools for all students when compared to previous Louisiana assessments, as defined in the [PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations Manual](#).

- **Accessibility features for all students** are available to *any* student taking the PARCC assessments. These allow for even more individualized support for students all students.
- **Accommodations** are aligned to students' IEP, IAP, and LEP plans.

In Louisiana, all students will be taking the paper form of the PARCC assessment in Spring 2015.

The tables below highlight changes in either access or availability as compared to previous state assessments.

Spring 2015 Accessibility Features (Paper)

These are available for all Louisiana students as determined by a school-level committee.

PARCC Accessibility Features for All Students	Available on LEAP to all students?	Available on PARCC to all students?
Auditory Aids , including white noise and amplification		<i>New</i>
Headphones or Noise Buffers		<i>New</i>
Visual Aids , including highlighter, line reader, and color overlay		<i>New</i>
Magnification/Enlargement Device		<i>New</i>
Blank Paper		<i>New</i>
Glossary in Footnotes	✓	✓
Redirect Student to the Test, by test administrator	✓	✓
Small Group Administration		<i>New</i>
Separate Location or Individual Testing		<i>New</i>
Frequent Breaks		<i>New</i>
Time of Day		<i>New</i>
Specified or Preferential Seating		<i>New</i>
Adaptive and Specialized Equipment or Furniture		<i>New</i>
MATH ONLY: Human Read-Aloud		<i>New</i>
MATH ONLY: Text-to-Speech		<i>New</i>

Spring 2015 Special Education and 504 Accommodations (Paper)

Aligned to Louisiana students' IEP and 504 plans.

PARCC Special Education and 504 Accommodation	Available on LEAP to Students with Disabilities?	Available on PARCC to Students with Disabilities?
Assistive Technology	✓	✓
Large Print Edition	✓	✓
Read Aloud, excluding reading comprehension	✓	
Read Aloud for the ELA/Literacy assessments, including items, response options, and passages		<i>New</i>
Hard Copy Braille Edition	✓	✓
Tactile Graphics	✓	✓
Human Signer	✓	✓
Braille Note-taker or Writer	✓	✓
Transferred Answers or Answers Recorded in the Test Booklet	✓	✓
Calculator and Math Tools on Non-calculator Sessions of Math Assessments	✓	✓
Scribing	✓	✓
Word Predictor Device	✓	✓
Extended Time	✓	✓
Student Reads Assessment Aloud to Themselves	✓	✓
Use of Dictionary and/or Thesaurus*	✓	

*Use of the Dictionary and/or Thesaurus is not available. Students are provided embedded definitions within the passage for words that do not have sufficient context.

Spring 2015 Limited English Proficiency Accommodations (Paper)

Aligned to Louisiana students' LEP plans.

PARCC LEP Accommodation	Available on LEAP for LEP students?	Available on PARCC for LEP students?
Paper Spanish Translation of the Mathematics Assessment		<i>New</i>
Extended Time	✓	✓
Word-to-Word Dictionary (English/ Native Language)	✓	✓
Speech-to-Text / Scribe for the Mathematics Assessments in English	✓	✓
General Administration Directions PDF in Native Language		<i>New</i>
General Administration Directions Read Aloud and Repeated as Needed in Student's Native Language		<i>New</i>
General Administration Directions Clarified in Student's Native Language		<i>New</i>
Read-aloud on the ELA assessment *	✓	

*Read-aloud on the ELA assessment is not an accommodation for LEP students unless part of an IEP or IAP.