

The table below provides a side-by-side comparison between current common Louisiana accommodations and accommodations available on the PARCC field test for Spring 2014. These accommodations encompass those available for students with IEP/504 plans and students who are English language learners.

Features on the PARCC test fall into three categories: features for all, accessibility features and accommodations.

Features for all students:

- Tools built into the assessment such as choice elimination, line reader
- Does not require an 'opt in' prior to the test

Accessibility features for all students that need to be 'turned on':

- Available to *any* student taking the PARCC assessments
- Allows for even more individualized support for students
- Students/teachers 'opt in' to these features during or prior to the test
- Includes answer masking and color contrast

Accommodations:

- Aligned to students' IEP or 504 plans
- Also available for ELL students

KEY: Computer Based Testing (CBT) – Indicates which category of support is available for the PARCC Computer-Based Testing
Paper and Pencil (PBT) – Indicates which category of support is available for the PARCC Paper and Pencil Testing
Performance Based Assessment (PBA) – This is the Phase I test administered in March
End-of-Year Assessment – This is the Phase II test administered in May

Common Louisiana IEP/504 Accommodations Currently Used on State Assessments	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Answers Recorded (Scribe)	Scribing or Speech-to-Text (i.e., Dictation/Transcription or Signing) for the Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy assessments.	By Test Administrator (scribing): Yes External Device: Yes			CBT PBT
Large Print	Large Print <i>*Use Ctrl + to enlarge Ctrl – to reduce text size for entire screen on CBT or use magnifying device for specific parts of the screen</i>	Yes, must be pre-ordered for PBT	CBT		PBT
Individual Testing	Separate location available to all students as determined by school level committees	Yes		CBT PBT	
Read Aloud of Entire Test (<u>Excluding Reading Comprehension</u>)	Human Reader for English Language Arts/Literacy Assessments	Yes			CBT PBT
	Human Reader for Mathematics Assessments	Yes		CBT PBT	
	Text-to-Speech for English Language Arts/Literacy Assessments	Text to Speech: Yes PBA/EOY Grades 5, 8, 11 A human reader can be provided for a grade level that is not available for field test.			CBT
	Text-to-Speech for Mathematics	Yes PBA/EOY Grades 4, 7, Algebra I A human reader can be provided for a grade level that is not available for field test.		CBT	
Transferred Answers	Answers Recorded in Test Book	Yes			PBT
Extended Time	Extended Time (beyond the Additional Time allowed to all students but limited to one school day)	Yes			CBT PBT
Communication Assistance	Human Interpreter for the directions, math assessments and ELA/literacy assessments, including items, response options, and passages.	Yes			CBT PBT
Small Group Testing	Available to all students as determined by school level committees.	Yes		CBT PBT	

Common Louisiana IEP/504 Assistive Technology Accommodations	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Computer Access Tools/Devices/Software	Please see list of external devices/software approved for field testing	Yes	CBT PBT		
Mathematics Tools and Calculation Devices (i.e., calculator, addition/subtraction or multiplication/division charts, 100 charts)	<p>Calculation Device and Mathematic Tools (Permitted on Non-calculator Sessions of the Mathematics Assessments except for those mathematics fluency items/tasks in grades 3-6 for which no calculation device may be used.)</p> <p>Additionally students may use either the embedded or a hand-held grade appropriate calculator</p>	Yes			CBT PBT

Other Common Louisiana IEP/504 Accommodations	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Additional White paper to reveal portions of the test page at a time	Answer masking	Yes EOY ELA: Grades 3, 5, 8, 11 Math: Grades 4, 7, Algebra I and Geometry	PBT	CBT	
Highlighter	Highlight tool	Yes	CBT PBT		
Color Overlay	Background/Font Color (Color Contrast)	Yes PBA/EOY ELA: Grades 3, 5, 8, 11 Math: Grades 4, 7, Algebra I and Geometry		CBT	PBT
Line reader tool	Line reader tool	Yes	CBT PBT		
Visual Cues	Redirect Student to the Test (by Test Administrator)	Yes	CBT PBT		
Magnifier	Magnifying tool	Yes	CBT PBT		
Paper copy of online assessment <i>*Not previously available on state online assessments</i>	Paper-Based Test	Yes			CBT
Scratch Paper	Blank Paper (provided by Test Administrator)	Yes	CBT PBT		
Multiple or Frequent Breaks	Multiple or Frequent Breaks are no longer considered an Accommodation, but falls under test administration considerations for all students.	Yes	CBT PBT		
Change Schedule or Order of Activities — Within One Day	Change Schedule or Order of Activities — Within One Day is no longer considered an accommodation, but falls under Time of Day test administration considerations for all students.	Yes	CBT PBT		
Reduce Distraction to the Student or to Other Students	Available to all students as determined by school level committees. Additionally all students are allowed to use headphones to reduce distractions on all assessment sessions.	Yes	CBT PBT		

Other Common Louisiana IEP/504 Accommodations	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Change Location to Increase Physical Access or to Use Special Equipment – Within or Outside School Building	Available to all students as determined by school level committees.	Yes	CBT PBT		

Common Louisiana Limited English Proficiency Accommodations	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Read Aloud of mathematics test	Human Reader for Mathematics Assessments	Yes		CBT PBT	
	Text-to-Speech for Mathematics	Yes PBA/EOY Grades 4, 7, Algebra I A human reader can be provided for a grade level that is not available for field test.		CBT	
Scribe	Student dictates responses to Mathematics test items either to a human scribe or through speech-to-text technology. Students must be tested in a separate setting.	Yes			CBT PBT
Multiple or Frequent Breaks	Multiple or Frequent Breaks are no longer considered an Accommodation, but falls under test administration considerations for all students.	Yes	CBT PBT		
Change Schedule or Order of Activities — Within One Day	Change Schedule or Order of Activities — Within One Day is no longer considered an accommodation, but falls under Time of Day test administration considerations for all students.	Yes	CBT PBT		
Reduce Distraction to the Student or to Other Students	Available to all students as determined by school level committees. Additionally all students are allowed to use headphones to reduce distractions on all assessment sessions.	Yes	CBT PBT		

Common Louisiana Limited English Proficiency Accommodations	PARCC Accessibility and Accommodations	Availability for Field Testing 2014	Features for ALL	Accessibility Features	Accommodations
Change Location to Increase Physical Access or to Use Special Equipment – Within School Building or Outside School Building	Available to all students as determined by school level committees.	Yes	CBT PBT		
Extended Time	Extended Time (beyond the Additional Time allowed to all students but limited to one school day)	Yes			CBT PBT
General Administration Directions Clarified in Student’s Native Language (by test administrator)	General Administration Directions Clarified in Student’s Native Language (by test administrator)	Yes			CBT PBT
General Administration Directions Read Aloud and Repeated as Needed in Student’s Native Language (by test administrator)	General Administration Directions Read Aloud and Repeated as Needed in Student’s Native Language (by test administrator)	Yes			CTB PBT