

PARENT RESOURCE PACKET FOR DISTRCTS AND SCHOOLS

The Department is committed to supporting teachers, parents, and students in their understanding of the 2014-2015 PARCC results for ELA and math, including what the results mean for student learning in our state. As a result, the Department released a suite of parent and teacher resources to help parents and teachers prepare for the upcoming release of student results in early November.

EDUCATOR RESOURCES:

- Spring 2015 PARCC Released Items (NEW): suite of spring 2015 test items including complete assessment a full test, scoring guides, and sample scored student responses for the constructed response tasks for each grade-level and subject area.
- PARCC Assessment Results Analysis (NEW): brief guide illustrating how to interpret the 2015 PARCC sub-claim data
- Sample Cover Letter for PARCC Student Reports (NEW): sample cover letter to accompany the PARCC student
 reports explaining to parents the purpose of the test and how to sue the results to support their child's learning at
 home
- Sample Robo Call Script for Release of PARCC Student Reports (NEW): sample script for Superintendents or Principals to send out calls to parents alerting them of the arrival of PARCC student reports
- Parent Conversation Guide for Teachers: talking points to help guide teachers' conversations with parents about the PARCC student reports
- Model Parent/Teacher Conference Video: video of a model parent-teacher conference discussing the PARCC student reports
- Teacher Guide to PARCC Student Results (Coming Week of November 9): guide to help teachers interpret the student reports and use the data to make adjustments to instruction

PARENT RESOURCES:

- <u>Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results</u>: guide to help parents read and interpret the PARCC student reports, with accompanying online resources
 - Available in Spanish and Vietnamese
- <u>PARCC Results Parent Night Presentation</u>: PowerPoint presentation schools and districts can use during parent nights this fall to introduce the student reports to parents and describe what parents can expect to learn from the reports about their child's performance on the PARCC tests
- Sample ELA PARCC Student Report
- Sample Math PARCC Student Report

The following communication strategies can provide districts and schools with ideas and resources to effectively prepare parents for the release of PARCC student reports the week of November 9, 2015.

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METHODS OF SUPPORTING PARENTS IN THE RELEASE OF PARCC RESULTS

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Engagement Structure & Description	Resources
Parent Nights	Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results
This fall, districts will be holding parent nights to discuss student progress during the first nine weeks. These meetings should also be used to talk with parents about what to expect on the PARCC student reports and should focus on:	 PARCC Results Parent Night Presentation Examples: Walk in the PARCC in Ouachita Lafayette Parish Parent Nights
How the results will be used to impact instruction in the classroom this school year.	Parent Brunch in St. Helena
2. Teaching parents some of the new methods and approaches that their children are learning in school because of the new standards.	
3. Addressing parents' misconceptions and questions, and giving them a venue to have their voices heard.	
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Parent Conversation Guide for Teachers
Parent/Teacher conferences being held to discuss	Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results
student performance in the first nine weeks should also be used to hold a conversation with parents on the release of PARCC results.	Model Parent/Teacher Conference Video
Parent Tutorials	Parent Tutorial in Tangipahoa
Parent video tutorials are a great way to reach lots of parents virtually and walk them through the PARCC student reports.	Parent Tutorial in St. Charles
Online Resources	Louisiana's Family Support Toolbox: offers parents
Websites can be a good way to share information and resources with parents. These websites should be simple, clear, and easy for parents to navigate.	information on academic standards, test results, and links to practice tests and assessment guides for the 2015-2016 assessments.
Social Media is an easy and quick way to notify parents of the release of test results and resources.	<u>Understand the Score</u> : Online resource for parents to help them support their child's learning at home.
School messaging applications are also a quick and easy way to notify parents of test results and resources.	Great Kids Milestones: A free, online collection of videos that show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing, and math, grade by grade.
	PTA Parent Guides: Contains an overview of the standards in every grade and suggested activities for your child.
	 <u>"Be a Learning Hero" Skill Builder:</u> Search by grade, subject, and test area to find videos you can use at home with your child to support their learning in the specific areas of the test.