

# Luis Munoz Marin and Parents collaborating for the PARCC



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# What is PARCC?

- Partnership for
- Assessment of
- Readiness for
- College &
- Careers

# What is PARCC?

PARCC is linked to what students need to know for college & careers.

43 states have adopted the Common Core Standards

14 states (NJ is one) are using PARCC

# Test Components

- Performance Based Assessments (PBA)
- End of Year Assessments (EOY)
- Innovative Constructive Response
- Extended Performance Tasks
- Selected Response
- Evidence Based Selected Response (EBSR)

# Students Impact

English Language Arts (ELA) & Math will be tested from grades 3-11. The students at Luis Munoz Marin in grades 3-8 will test in 2015.

# PARCC 1 – March

- Critical thinking
- Reading comprehension
- Response to writing from reading various text
- Real-world situations
- Informational text
- Research simulations

# PARCC II – Late April/ Early May

- Short answer
- Reading comprehension
- Math conceptual skills & understanding



# Testing Expectations Schedule (Grades 3–8)

- March 2 - 27, 2015 PBA
- ELA Day 1 – 50 minutes
- ELA Day 2 – 50/60 minutes
- ELA Day 3 – 40 minutes
- Math Day 1 – 50/55 minutes
- Math Day 2 – 50 minutes
- April 27 – May 20, 2015 EOY
- ELA Day 1 – 50 minutes
- ELA Day 2 – 50/60 minutes
- ELA Day 3 – 40 minutes
- Math Day 1 – 50/55 minutes
- Math Day 2 – 50 minutes

# What does a testing session look like?

- Classroom or computer lab
- Administered by your child's teacher
- Teachers can help with tech if a student is struggling
- Teachers can clarify directions
- Students can review and change answers

# Also...

- Computers will be “swapped out” if there is a problem
- Students can read or draw if finished early
- Classes who are not testing will have a regular morning

# Calculator Policy

- Grades 3-5 Calculators are not permitted
- Grades 6-7 will allow for an online four function calculator with square root
- Grade 8 will allow for an online scientific calculator

# PARCC Accessibility Features for ALL students

- Audio amplification
- Blank scratch paper graph, lined, unlined
- Eliminate Answer Choices
- Flag Items for Review
- Highlight tool
- Headphones
- Line Reader Tool
- Magnification/ Enlargement Devices
- Notepad using Embedded Notepad
- Pop Up Glossary
- Spell Check Device
- Writing Tools ( Cut, paste, bold, insert, copy)
- Answer masking
- Text to speech (for Mathematics assessment only)

# Technology Features for the PARCC

The sample items using computer based tools to experience technology enhanced questions types include:

- Drag and Drop
- Select and Deselect
- Highlight
- Redo
- Undo
- Hover
- Single Click
- Use Scroll bars
- Click arrows
- Resize
- Play and Pause Video

# Accommodations for Students identified via an IEP or 504

- Text to Speech
- Speech to Text
- Calculation Devices
- Word Prediction Device
- Separate testing location
- Extended Time

# Assessment Results

- Students' score reports from the Spring 2015 will be available in early October 2015
- The passing score will be announced in the fall of 2015
- Students are NOT required to retake the assessment or retake a course based on their PARCC score.
- Middle School students taking Geometry or Algebra 1 will sit for the PARCC Algebra I or Geometry End of Course Exam



# What are we doing to prepare our schools?

- Annual Technology readiness Surveys & Webinars
- Preparing the infrastructure
- Increasing wireless access points in each school
- Increasing bandwidth
- Selecting devices for assessments
  - Laptops
  - Chromebooks
  - Desktops
- Purchasing additional hardware and software
  - Mice, headphones, Chromebook carts, AB Tutor Control, & Refurbishing desktops

# What can you do to prepare your child for PARCC?

- Expose to literature and support them in making connections
- Practice automaticity of math facts!
- Encourage problem solving in multiple ways
- Have them explain their process for problem solving
- Have them justify their answers
- Practice typing as often as possible
- Utilize the PARCC Sample Questions & Practice Tests
- Utilize the resources on the MARSD & PARCC website
- Daily sustained reading
- Utilize the resources available from the National PTA

# Summary

- Questions & Answers
- Next PARCC Parent Meeting
  - Thursday, February 5, 2015 from 5pm – 6pm
  - We will review test questions



Thank you!