

PARCC From Start to Finish

Step 1: Take the Test, Spring 2015

5 million

students in 11 states & DC take test

Students take quality mathematics & English language arts/literacy assessments designed by educators to provide information on student progress and a road map for college and career readiness.

Step 2: Score the Test, Spring-Early Summer 2015

14,500 scorers

Three-quarters with teaching experience, all with 4-year degrees

Trained experts, including many Maryland teachers, read and score those questions students answered individually in writing.

Step 4: Adopt Performance Levels, August-September 2015

State education **leaders**

from K-12 and higher education

Maryland's educators will decide how best to use the scores to help improve student and school performance.

Step 3: Set Performance Levels, July-August 2015

240 educators and experts selected by states



Educators and other experts meet to review grade-level test results and then match scores to the 5 Performance Levels ("Minimal" to "Distinguished").

Step 5: Share Score Reports, Fall/Winter 2015

Millions of parents

receive their students' score report from their school district

The report provides actionable information to help parents, teachers and schools to work together to support students' needs, identify strengths and enhance learning.

All students

As with any new test, scores will improve over time. PARCC sets the bar high to ensure students are on the way to mastering Maryland's College and Career Ready Standards.

