

The First PARCC Parent Score Report

The PARCC tests measure whether students are meeting new, higher academic standards and mastering the knowledge and skills they need to progress in their K-12 education and beyond. They test more complex skills like critical-thinking, persuasive writing, and problem-solving. Scores may look different and lower on this new test. That does not mean students are learning less, it means the tests have changed and ask students to meet a higher bar.

This is a transition year and extra time was required to set the threshold scores and prepare the first score reports. Performance levels, the levels that indicate how well students met grade level expectations, and the score ranges that make up each of the five levels, had to be established based on actual student results. Next year, the results will come much sooner – close to the end of the testing school year. Parents receive two reports for each child – one for the English language arts/literacy test and one for mathematics.

Reading and Writing Performance – The report for the English language arts test will show your student’s overall performance in two main sub-categories: reading and writing. It will show your child’s numerical score for a sub-set of questions in those categories.

Mathematics Performance – The report for the Mathematics test show’s your student’s overall performance in Mathematics. Additional information about this math score is found at parconline.org/math.

Overall Student Performance – This section of each report shows your student’s overall numerical score and the performance level achieved based on that score. Level 1 indicates a student is not yet meeting grade level expectations and Level 5 indicates the student has a strong understanding of grade level material.

Page two of the score report provides additional information about your child’s score and level of performance. Level 4 and above indicates that a student meets or exceeds grade level expectations and is well prepared for the next grade level.

Additional Resources:

- For more information about the PARCC score report and to view sample test questions, visit understandthescore.org.
- To learn more about grade level expectations, view the PTA’s Parents’ Guide to Student Success at pta.org/parents/.
- For tips and tools to help your child succeed in school, visit belearninghero.org.