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### PARCC Assessments: Get It Right Campaign

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# What are the primary objectives of the PARCC Assessment System?

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- ✓ Determine whether students are college- and career-ready or “on track”
- ✓ Provide tools to assess student learning and support instruction *during* the school year
- ✓ Report growth in performance as well as absolute achievement
- ✓ Report comparable results across schools, districts and member states
- ✓ Generate valid and reliable information to inform instruction and accountability decisions



- ✓ Use technology for a range of purposes including increasing student access, providing accommodations, engaging students, and creating efficiencies in administration, scoring and reporting

**5 million students**



**12 states**

## Key Stats

1.2 million students in one day

204,000 students in one hour

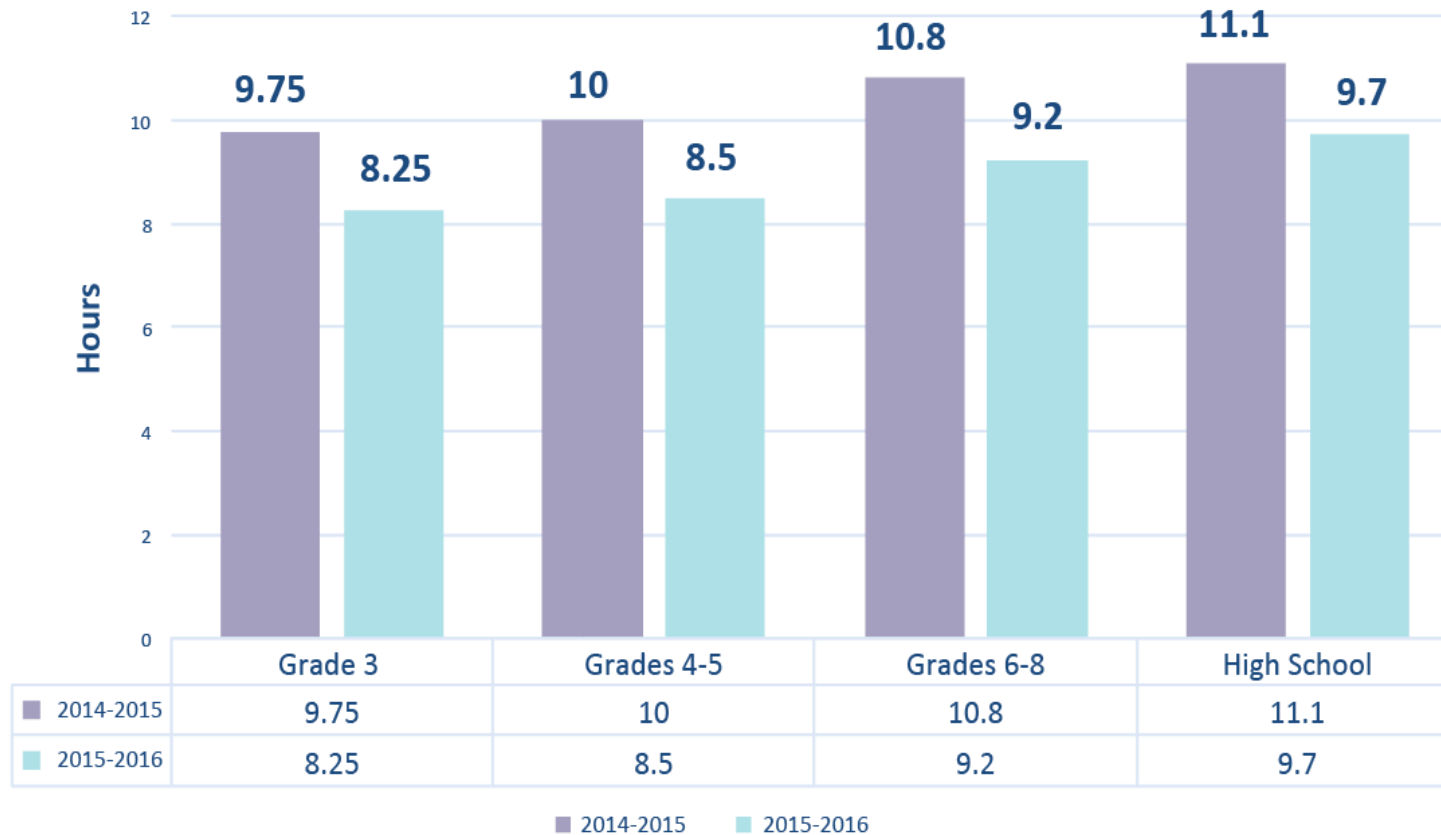
Peak: 1m testers per day x 5 days

Thousands of hours contributed by thousands of educators to develop the test

# Test Design Changes - 90 Minute Reduction

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Total Testing Time: 2014-15 v. 2015-16

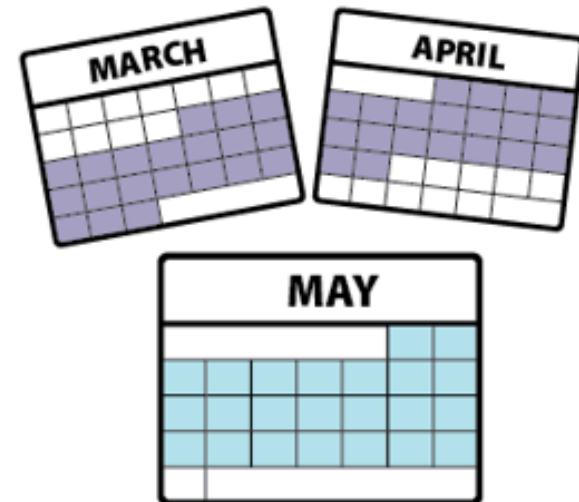


Overall times include Reading/Writing and Mathematics across all test units per grade

## Consolidate Testing Into One Window

The PARCC assessments are changing! In 2015-16, the assessment will be given during one window. States and schools will have up to 30 school days in which to test, but most can/will complete all testing in a week to two weeks, depending on their schedule and availability of laptops/devices.

The new single window will end at the 90% mark of the school year. Gone are the separate early spring performance-based (PBA) and late spring end-of-year (EOY) windows.



# Test Design Changes – Fewer Test Units

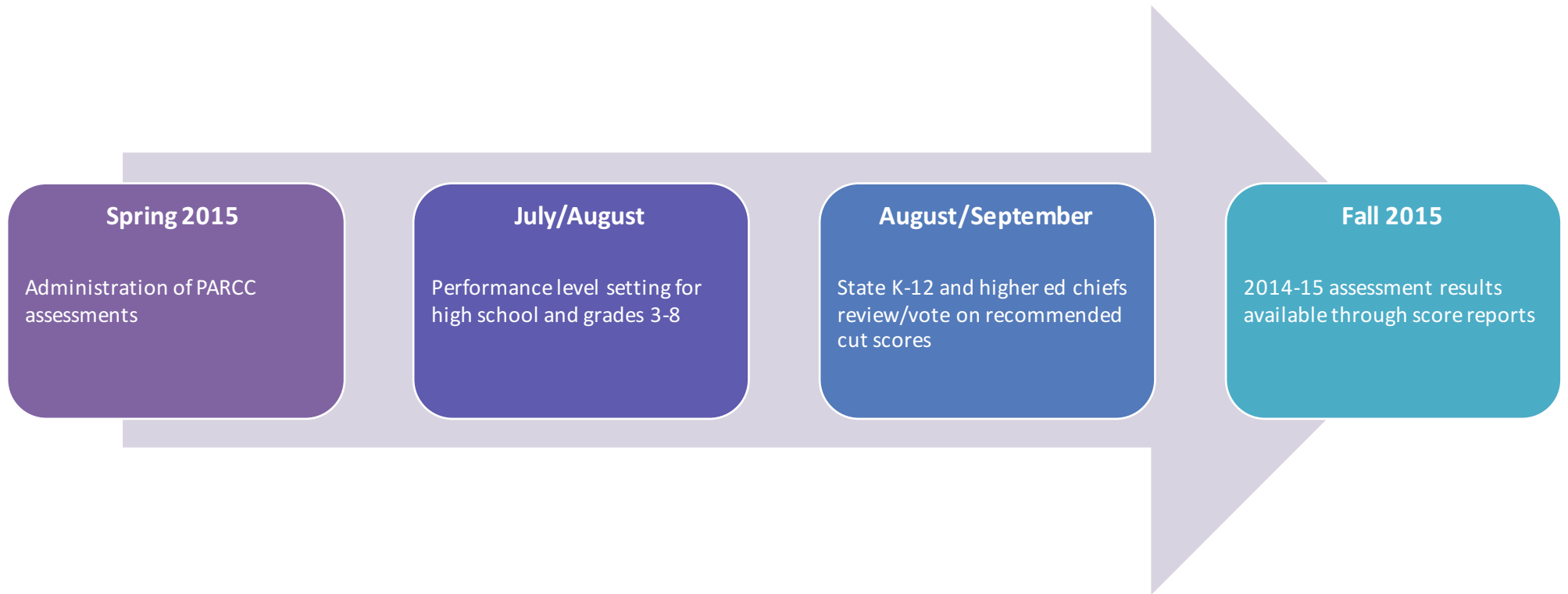
With the changes, students in all grades will participate in fewer test units.

The redesigned ELA/L tests are composed of 3 units. The math tests are composed of 3 or 4 units.

	2014-2015			2015-2016		
Grades	ELA	Math	Total	ELA	Math	Total
<b>3</b>	4	4	8	3	4	7
<b>4-5</b>	4	4	8	3	4	7
<b>6-8</b>	5	4	9	3	3	6
<b>High School</b>	5	4	9	3	3	6

# The Road to the First Score Report

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# Five Performance Levels

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PARCC uses five performance levels that delineate the knowledge, skills, and practices students are able to demonstrate:

<b>Level 1:</b> Did Not Yet Meet Expectations	<b>Level 2:</b> Partially Met Expectations	<b>Level 3:</b> Approached Expectations	<b>Level 4:</b> Met Expectations	<b>Level 5:</b> Exceeded Expectations
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# Performance Level Setting: What is it?

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- This summer, educators and experts determined what score each student must earn on the assessment in order to achieve a particular **performance level**.
- States nominated a variety of stakeholders to participate in 12 in-person panels to review the assessments.
- Recommendations go to PARCC Governing Board for approval

K-12 educators

Postsecondary faculty

**Grade-Span Panels**

# Score Release Timeline

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STATE RELEASES

Some states: high Level preliminary results

States release state-level score results, approximately

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

MILESTONES

States, vendor quality control reviews, prepare score results

Districts receive HS score reports

Districts receive 3-8 score reports

# The Score Report

<http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/score-results>



FIRSTNAME4 M. LASTNAME4

Date of Birth: 09/19/2000 ID: 99999999 Grade: 6  
SAMPLE DISTRICT NAME  
SAMPLE SCHOOL ONE NAME  
COLORADO

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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS / LITERACY

### Grade 6 Assessment Report, 2014–2015

This report provides information about how your child performed on the PARCC English language arts/literacy assessment. It shows whether your child met grade-level expectations and if your child is on track for the next grade level.

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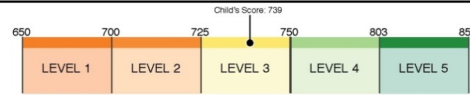
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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS / LITERACY PERFORMANCE

### Level 3

Your child performed at Level 3 and earned a score of 739

Students performing at levels 4 and 5 met or exceeded expectations. For a description of each performance level, see page 2.



School average	District average	State average	PARCC average
741	765	745	739

## READING

Reading score range: 10 to 90	Average of students just meeting expectations	School average
Your child's score	50	52
<b>44</b>	District average 48	State average 45

### LITERARY TEXT

**↓** In this area, your child did not do as well as students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by showing they can read and analyze grade appropriate fiction, drama and poetry.

### INFORMATIONAL TEXT

**↔** In this area, your child did almost as well as students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by showing they can read and analyze grade-appropriate non-fiction, including texts about history, science, art, and music.

### VOCABULARY

**↑** In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by showing they can use context to determine what words and phrases mean in grade-appropriate texts.

## WRITING

Writing score range: 10 to 60	Average of students just meeting expectations	School average
Your child's score:	35	39
<b>30</b>	District average 35	State average 31

### WRITING EXPRESSION

**↓** In this area, your child did not do as well as students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by showing they can compose well-developed, organized, and clear writing, using details from what they have read.

### KNOWLEDGE AND USE OF LANGUAGE CONVENTIONS

**↑** In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by showing they can compose writing using the rules of standard English, including those for grammar, spelling, and usage.

### LEGEND

<b>↓</b> Below Expectations	<b>↔</b> Nearly Meets Expectations	<b>↑</b> Meets or Exceeds Expectations
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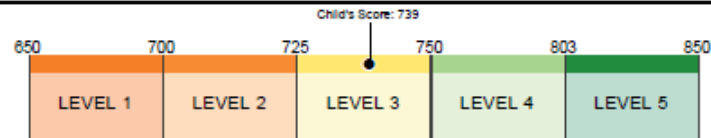
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# Individual Student Report: ELA/L

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## LEGEND



Below Expectations



Nearly Meets Expectations



Meets or Exceeds Expectations

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# Individual Student Report: Math

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Department of Education

FIRSTNAME8 M. LASTNAME8

Date of Birth: 05/15/2000 ID: 99999999 Grade: 9

SAMPLE DISTRICT NAME

SAMPLE SCHOOL ONE NAME

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## MATHEMATICS

### Algebra II Assessment Report, 2014–2015

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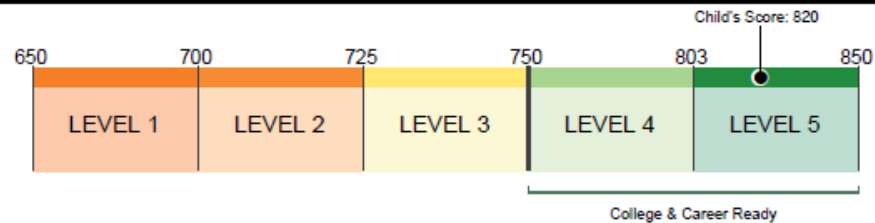
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## MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE

### Level 5

Your child performed at Level 5  
and earned a score of 820

Students performing at levels 4 and 5  
met or exceeded expectations.  
For a description of each performance  
level, see page 2.



School average	District average	State average	PARCC average
761	759	758	747



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S MATHEMATICS SCORE

### MAJOR CONTENT



In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving problems involving rational exponents, writing and interpreting algebraic expressions, rational and radical equations, graphs of functions, creating linear, quadratic, and exponential functions, and making inferences and justifying conclusions from data.

### ADDITIONAL & SUPPORTING CONTENT



In this area, your child did almost as well as students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving problems involving the complex number system, rational expressions and functions, systems of equations, trigonometric functions, interpreting data, and probability.

For a list of the major and additional content at each grade level see, [parconline.org/math](http://parconline.org/math).

### EXPRESSING MATHEMATICAL REASONING



In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by creating and justifying logical mathematical solutions and analyzing and correcting the reasoning of others.

### MODELING & APPLICATION



In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving real-world problems, representing and solving problems with symbols, reasoning quantitatively and strategically using appropriate tools.

### LEGEND



Below Expectations



Nearly Meets Expectations



Meets or Exceeds Expectations

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## MATHEMATICS

### Algebra II Assessment Report, 2014–2015

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#### HOW CAN I USE THIS REPORT TO HELP MY CHILD?

Use the report to start a discussion with your child's teacher(s) about his/her academic strengths and areas for improvement. You could ask:

- What can we do at home, in class and at school to help continue building my child's knowledge and skills in areas where he/she exceeds the expectations?
- What can we do at home, in class and at school to help support my child, where the expectations of the grade level were not met?

**What are the PARCC tests?** The tests measure how well students have learned grade-level material in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Students who meet or exceed expectations are on track for the next grade level and, ultimately, for college and careers. The tests include questions that measure your child's fundamental skills and knowledge, and require students to think critically, solve problems and support or explain their answers. The test is one of several ways to help parents and teachers understand how well children are learning.

**What do the performance levels mean?** The performance levels listed below describe how well students met the academic expectations for their grade level.

- Level 1: Did not yet meet expectations
- Level 2: Partially met expectations
- Level 3: Approached expectations
- Level 4: Met expectations
- Level 5: Exceeded expectations

**How do the test scores this year compare to those in past years?** The knowledge and skills tested this year are different - and in some cases more rigorous - than in the past. If your child's score is different than you expected, meet with your child's teacher to understand what that means and how you can help your child improve his or her performance.

**How will my child's school use the test results?** Results from the test give your child's teacher information about his/her academic performance. The results also give your school and school district important information to make improvements to the education program and to teaching.

**How can I use the mathematics scores?** The best way to make sense of these scores is to compare them to the average for students who met the expectations and the average for students in your child's school, district, and state. Also, look at the information below the scores. How is your child doing in each area of mathematics? Ask your child's teacher how you can give your child more opportunities to be challenged and how you can support his/her academic needs.

**Probable range.** The probable range in the score on this test is plus or minus 3 points. This is the amount of change that would be expected in your child's score if he/she were to take the test many times. Small differences in scores should not be over interpreted.

For information and resources, including sample PARCC test questions and the PTA's Guide to Student Success, visit [understandthescore.org](http://understandthescore.org).

# What Parents Need to Know About the Score Reports

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- **The PARCC tests replace the old state tests.** They measure how well students are performing against the new state standards that guide math and English language arts instruction.
- **The PARCC tests are only one of several measures,** including report card grades and in-class performance, that are used to determine a student's academic achievement. They do not impact a student's GPA.
- **The score reports are a valuable tool for parents and teachers.** The report provides a deeper level of information that can be used to better understand where students are doing well and where they need additional support. This helps teachers and parents support students.
- **The PARCC tests moves away from multiple choice questions** to ones that allow students to demonstrate a real understanding of what they know and can do by writing essays, solving real world problems, and reading and analyzing complex text—all critical skills in the real-world.
- **Your child's score may look lower this year because the tests measured more complex skills.** A low score does not mean your child did not improve or learned less, but instead that the expectations have been raised for students.
- **The first year's scores are a new baseline** from which to progress from and measure against moving forward.



## Understanding your child's state test results

FIRSTNAMES M. LASTNAMES  
Date of Birth: 01/14/2000 ID: 99999999 Grade: 10  
SAMPLE DISTRICT NAME  
SAMPLE SCHOOL ONE NAME

**MATHEMATICS**  
**Geometry Assessment Report, 2014–2015**

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**MATHEMATICS PERFORMANCE**

**Level 2**  
Your child performed at Level 2 and earned a score of 725

Students performing at levels 4 and 5 met or exceeded expectations. For a description of each performance level, see page 2.

School average	District average	State average	PARCC average
761	835	758	747

### SCORE REPORT GUIDE: STEP ONE

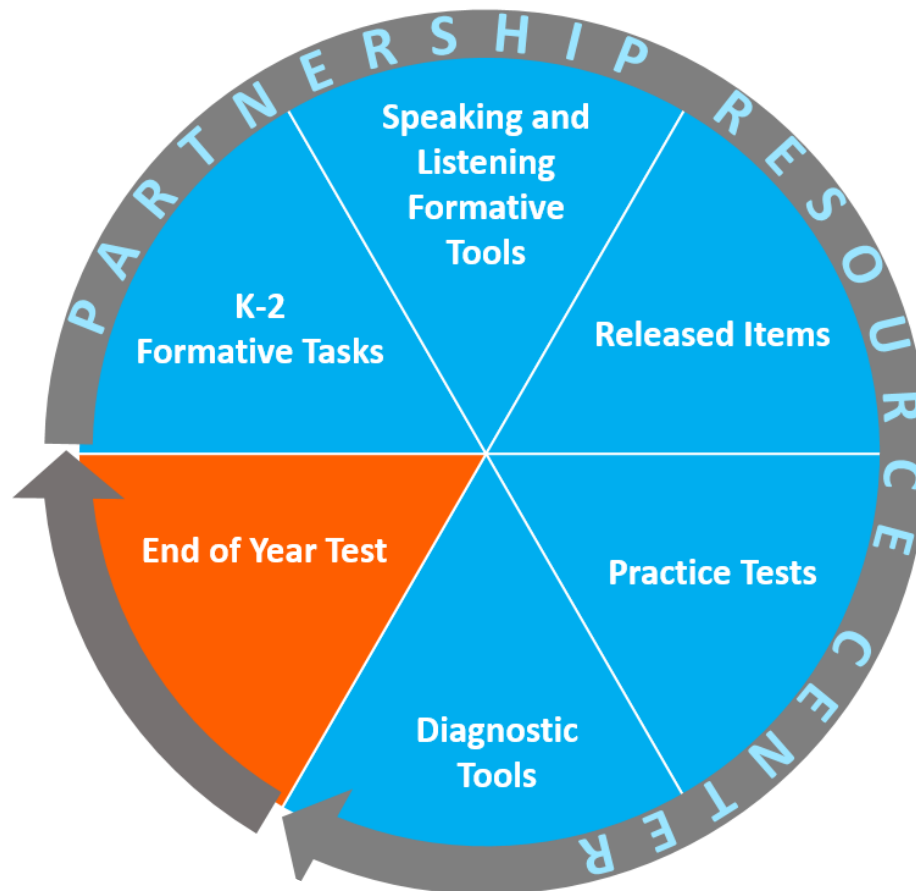
## Overall Score

Your student's overall score (out of a possible 850) and performance level (1-5) gives a quick glimpse of whether he or she is on-track with grade-level expectations. Level 1 indicates the greatest need for improvement and Level 5 indicates the strongest performance.

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# Available Instructional Tools from PARCC

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# Access the Tools!

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## Educator Resources

### TOOLS AND TUTORIALS FOR EDUCATORS

The PARCC consortium of states has a wealth of resources for educators, covering issues from test design to technology tutorials.

### Score Report Resources for Educators

States and districts are preparing to release student results for the initial administration of the PARCC assessments. The PARCC states, with their partners, have developed materials to assist local educators as they prepare to receive and review these initial results, and begin a dialogue with parents

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