



Addressing FAQs

PARCC Information Session

What assessment will my child take this year?

- This year is the first administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test.
- Maryland will administer PARCC for the following grades and courses: Grades 3-8 for ELA, and Math (including Algebra I, Algebra II).
- Geometry will be assessed in future years. Students currently in Geometry will take the test for their grade level.

Tell me more about the PARCC assessment.

- The text is administered in two parts:
 - March 2nd-20th: Performance-Based Assessment (PBA)
 - End of April to early May: End-Of-Year Assessment (EOY)
- Performance on each of these parts will be combined. Students will then receive a score of 1-5.

Which PARCC assessments are graduation requirements?

- The PARCC Algebra I test is replacing the Algebra I/Data Analysis high school assessment (H.S.A.) test as a graduation requirement. This applies to all students taking Algebra I for the first time this year or in the future.
- Students who have **already taken** the Algebra I/Data Analysis H.S.A. will continue to have the H.S.A. as their graduation requirement.

How can I find more information about what my child is learning?



HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center

About This Project

Toolkit

Elementary Math

Middle School Mathematics

High School Mathematics

Contact Us



HCPSS schools, families, and the community--*together*, building mathematical proficiency for ALL students.

The HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center helps families:

- 1) Gain a better understanding of their child's mathematics program
- 2) Refresh or build understanding of new (or unfamiliar) math concepts, skills, and practices
- 3) Provide additional support and practice opportunities for students, as needed throughout the school year.

Start by selecting a level (e.g., elementary, middle or high school mathematics) **and course/grade.**

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Learn more



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Partnership for Assessment of
Readiness for College and Careers

Toolkit	Elementary Math
HoCo Library Homework Assistance	
Mathematics Glossary	
MD's PARCC Assessments	
OECD Benchmarking Assessment	

1.) Visit the HCPSS Family Mathematics Support Center above. Hover above "Toolkit" and click "MD's PARCC Assessments".

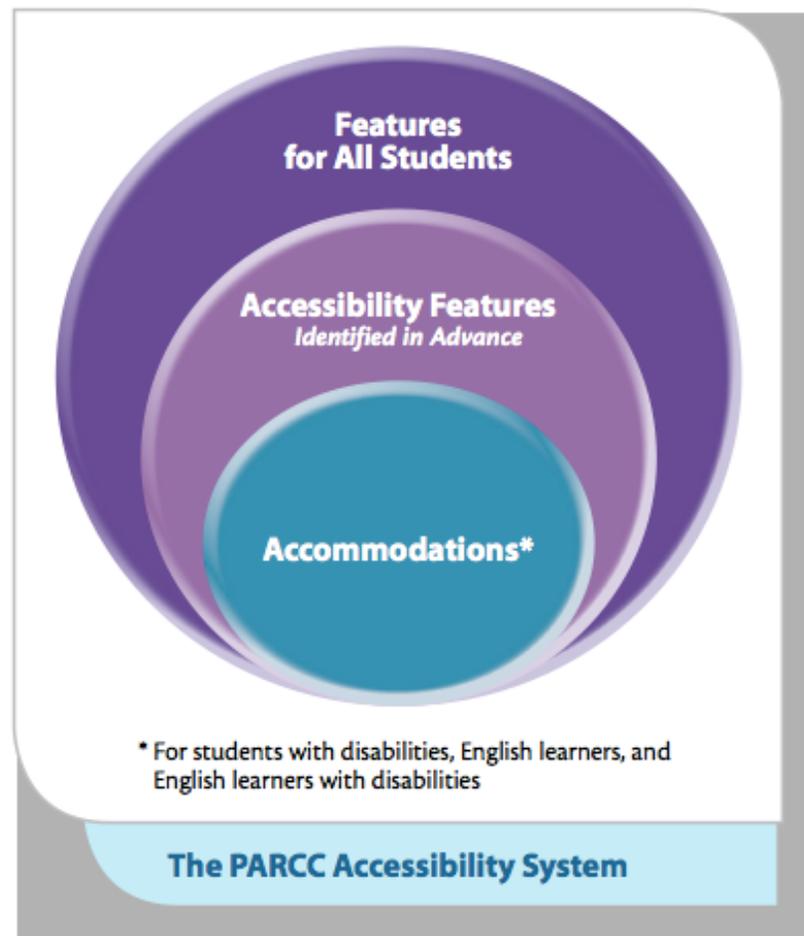
2.) Scroll down to:

Is there a way that I can see what the PARCC mathematics assessments look

PARCC has released both [Performance Based Assessment \(PBA\)](#) and [End of Year \(EOY\) practice tests](#)

3.) Click on the link to go to the Performance Based Assessment (PBA) practice tests.

Accommodations



Accommodations for ALL Students

- Accommodations embedded in the assessment
 - Using a highlighter tool to shade text on the screen, which helps students recall information later.
 - Having test directions read aloud and repeated as needed.
 - Enlarging text on the computer screen to see words, pictures, and details more clearly.
 - Using a spell checker as they write.
 - Using a pop-up glossary (i.e., students hold their cursor over a word and its definition appears).
 - Writing and editing notes on an on-screen notepad.
 - Using writing tools, such as copy, cut, paste, bold, etc.
 - Flagging items that they want to come back to later.
 - Raising and lowering the volume on their headphones.
 - Crossing out answers for multiple choice items.

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- Other accessibility features that are not embedded in the computer platform include:
 - Allowing students to use headphones or noise buffers to filter external noise.
 - Redirecting the student's attention to the assessment.
 - Providing blank paper for the student to plan and organize responses.
 - Clarifying general administration questions.

Let's take the test!

- As you are taking the test, please feel free to ask any questions you might have.

-OR-

- Jot your question down on a post-it with your contact information and we will get back to you.

Thank you!

- Thank you for your time!
- Please contact us you have any questions.