For the 2014-2015 school year, the combination of the PARCC PBA and EOY will be considered to be one test administration for purposes of student participation. Completion of at least one item in each component (PBA and EOY) is required to render a valid score, and a valid score is required for participation.

A student refusal does count against participation for purposes of accountability. (The only two federally allowable exemptions for participation are for students who are medically exempt and for the first year in US exemption for ELA.) In the case of students who have refused all items in all units of PBA, the district will not be required to present each unit of the EOY to students since they will not be counted as participants.

As previously messaged, students who are new to a district and have not completed any portion of PBA elsewhere are not required to test EOY. Students who have completed any portion of PBA should test.