Student Assessment Listserv

Illinois Assessment Updates
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PARCC Technology Bulletin

The most recent PARCC Technology Bulletin is attached. Please pay special attention to the Important Update: Java Critical Patch Update.

PARCC Data Transfer Plan from PBA to EOY in PearsonAccess Next – FURTHER CLARIFICATION

For a detailed description of the data transfer plan, click here.

Updated Language on the Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach (PARCC)

The Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach in Appendix D of the Test Coordinator Manual for Computer-Based Testing was updated. On page 119, the second row from the bottom of the page should read "Password on Student Testing Ticket (applicable to computer-based testing only).” The Test Coordinator Manual on Avocet was updated to reflect this change here. The stand-alone Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach on Avocet was also updated to reflect this change here.

The change from "Test Code" to "Password" was made after the manuals were printed.

Sample Form to Report a Testing Irregularity or Security Breach (PARCC)

A sample irregularity or security breach form is attached. This sample explains the fields required on the form.

Not Tested Code (PARCC Computer-Based)

We’ve received several questions about the “Not Tested Code” under “Manage Student Tests” in PearsonAccess Next:

This is not a field that is being used in Illinois. If a student isn’t tested, they should either be removed from the session or marked complete, depending on the situation. The official not tested reason will be indicated during the corrections window through SIS. If you have already used this field, it won’t do any harm and will be disregarded by ISBE.
Upcoming Webinars

We have planned many upcoming webinar opportunities to provide support during testing. Every Friday (10am) for the next several weeks we will be holding our usual Illinois Assessment Update webinar. This will cover all Illinois state assessments (PARCC, DLM, ACT, etc.). For more information and to register for the next two, click here and here. We have also scheduled recurring PARCC Open Office Hours (Tuesdays at 1:30pm) and DLM Open Office Hours (Thursdays at 11am) where we will just be online to respond to questions, concerns, and feedback.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Illinois Assessments Key Dates Calendar

PARCC

- PearsonAccess Next FAQ
- PARCC.pearson.com
- PARCC FAQ
- Math Reference Sheets
  - Grades 5-8
  - High School
- PARCC Manuals
- Scheduling PARCC Assessments
- Setting Up and Managing Test Sessions
- PARCC Text-to-Speech Functionality
- Test Administrator Scripts (Verbal Directions)
- PARCC Technology Resources

DLM

- http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois
- Assessment Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- Technical Liaison Manual
- Accessibility Manual
- Guide to Required Training

Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets