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Illinois Assessment Updates
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PARCC – Technology Resources

PARCC has published a Hot Topics Quick Guide after many districts completed an Infrastructure Trial. This guide contains FAQs and responses to commonly reported feedback, questions, and issues. You can find this guide [here](#). An organized map to all the technology guides can be found [here](#). The Infrastructure Readiness Guide can be found [here](#).

PARCC Test Administrator Webinar

The [Test Administrator Webinar](#) on Feb. 10 already has over 1,200 people registered. The webinar system will only allow 1,000 to log in at a time. After it hits 1,000, new people trying to log in will receive a message telling them the webinar room has reached its maximum capacity. The webinar will be recorded and (once edited) will be made available under the “Presentations and Webinars” section of the [ISBE PARCC page](#) along with a supplemental PowerPoint presentation that will be posted beforehand. If you plan to have a number of staff members view the live webinar, it would be best if you could group them into one location and have only 1 person log in. The webinar room will open 20-30 minutes prior to starting.

Assessment Update Webinars

We will continue our regular Assessment Update Webinar series on Feb. 20 at 10am. For more information and to register, click [here](#).

PARCC – Make-Up Tests

At district discretion, students who were absent for a unit of testing CAN continue testing the next day with the rest of the class and make up the missed unit later. This is the only scenario where the units could be given out of order. More information on the specifics will be coming soon.

PARCC – Multiple Grades Testing in the Same Room

Schools may schedule different groups of students in the same room at the same time, provided that the Unit Testing Time, content area, and administration script are the same. For example, for the Mathematics PBA Unit 1, students in grades 3 and 4 may be combined into the same testing room because both grades have the same Unit Testing Time and use the same administration script.

PARCC – Communication Plan

We have created a communication plan to address your needs in the most efficient way possible. It lists various topics and provides resources and contact information to get the assistance you need. You can find this plan [here](#).
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)

DLM
- http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois
- Assessment Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- Technical Liaison Manual
- Accessiblility Manual
- Guide to Required Training
- Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets