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PARCC Infrastructure Trial and Tech Bulletin

PARCC Spring Manuals Posted

Districts participating in the online Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) test are highly encouraged to conduct an infrastructure trial. This “dry run” will test the school’s network as well as provide practice for every group involved in testing (test coordinators, test administrators, technology coordinators and students) by creating a practice environment (complete with practice tests) that is as real as possible. The infrastructure trial can be done at any time prior to testing, but Illinois is putting special emphasis on the week of Jan. 12-16 as a way to stress Pearson’s system and identify any potential problems in advance of testing.

The Infrastructure Trial Guide can be found here: http://parcc.pearson.com/resources/PARCC%20Infrastructure%20Readiness%20Guide.pdf.

Infrastructure Trial Site Visits

ISBE staff are looking for opportunities to visit schools while they conduct an infrastructure trial. If you would be open to a visit, please send an email to assessment@isbe.net with the subject line “VISIT” and the following information:

- School and/or District name and address
- Contact person and contact information
- Timeframe for conducting infrastructure trial
- Devices, operating systems, browsers, and internet connections being used

PARCC Technology Bulletin

A new version of the PARCC Technology Bulletin is now available here. This communication was developed by PARCC to help districts and schools prepare for and administer the PARCC assessments by highlighting important technology updates and key information. In this edition, you will find information regarding the following:

- Upcoming Release Dates
- CRITICAL: Google to Disable NPAPI for Chrome Browser
• Technical Guidelines Update
• Infrastructure Trials
• Reminder – PearsonAccessnext
• Reminder – Computer-Based Assessments Guide
• Reminder - New Proctor Cache Tool
• Reminder – PARCC URLs
• Technology Bulletin