Process for Updating PearsonAccess Next During PBA Testing

Please see the attached document.

What to do in the case of a snow day during ACT

If a high school administering the ACT declares a closure or late start on the day of testing, they should follow this protocol:

- Schools should call ACT if school is closed or has a late start on March 3 and/or 4 (1-800-553-6244 x2800, state code 14).
- If a school is closed, ACT will direct schools to return all initial standard-time test booklets but keep all accommodations test booklets, answer documents, and manuals.
- If a school is closed, schools must order standard-time makeup test booklets for March 17 (ACT) and/or March 18 (WorkKeys).
- Accommodations testing can begin as soon as school resumes (schools don’t need to wait until March 17 or 18).

Student Mobility during PARCC Testing

If a student begins testing either the Performance Based Assessment (PBA) or the End-of-Year (EOY) component at one school and then transfers to another school before completing that component, the student is not required to continue testing that component (at the district’s discretion).

If a student takes any portion of the PBA component at one school and then transfers to another school, the student is required to take the EOY component at the new school.

If a student has not taken any portion of the PBA component, the student is not required to take the EOY component (at the district’s discretion). If any portion of the PBA component has been taken, the student is required to take the EOY component.

Presentation of the Test

Districts are required to present the test to every eligible student. The definition of this is as follows:

- For paper-based testing, present the paper booklet to the student at their desk.
- For computer-based testing, present the printed test ticket to the student at their testing device.

Each individual unit of the test must be presented to the student.
PARCC Online Student Submissions

Students will not be given the option to submit final answers until the end of the last unit of a session. Prior to that, they will be directed to save and return later. This will result in them being in “exited” status on PearsonAccess Next. Once they have submitted their final answers, they will be in “completed” status. Complete logout directions can be found here.

Students who need to make up non-final units (e.g., Unit 1, Literary Analysis, Research Simulation) of an assessment must NOT submit their final answers after taking the final unit (e.g., Unit 2, Narrative Writing). After the final unit, to exit the test students must click the gray button next to their name and choose the "Logout of TestNav" option. Then, click the Save and Return Later button.

Upcoming Webinars

We have planned many upcoming webinar opportunities to provide support during PARCC testing. Every Friday (10am) for the next several weeks we will be holding our usual Illinois Assessment Update webinar. For more information and to register for the next two, click here and here. Additionally, we will make ourselves available every Tuesday at 1:30pm for an Open Office Hour where will we just be online to respond to questions, concerns, and feedback. For more information and to register for these, click here.