Spring 2016 PARCC Testing Dates

There will be only one testing window for the spring 2016 PARCC administration, for both computer-based and paper-based testing. Each school is allowed to establish their own testing window of up to 30 consecutive school days (do not include days off for spring break or other non-attendance days), regardless of testing format (computer-based or paper-based). This testing window should occur after roughly 75% to 90% of instruction has been completed. The earliest date schools may schedule testing for either test format is March 7, 2016. The latest date for paper-based testing is May 27, 2016, and the latest date for computer-based testing is June 10, 2016.

In order to receive early preliminary reporting at the district level, the cutoff date for computer-based testing is May 13, 2016, and the cutoff date for paper-based testing to be shipped to Pearson is April 29, 2016 (materials must arrive at Pearson no later than May 6, 2015).

Identifying Testing Window in ISBE's Student Information System (SIS)

Districts should have already communicated their PARCC testing window in SIS beginning on November 16, 2015. Testing window data was provided to Pearson on January 22, 2016, to determine shipping dates for manuals and paper test materials, as applicable. For schools that did not have a testing window entered by January 22, SIS sent the default testing window of March 7-April 15 to Pearson.

IMPORTANT: If the testing window shifts from what is originally entered in SIS, districts must adjust the dates to match the actual testing window. It is critical that the testing window dates in SIS are correct, as they will be used to determine which students are included in each school's Assessment Correction report.