



PARCC Field Test Update

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Agenda

- PBA Window Recap
- Next Steps
- Current State of Next Year's Assessments
- Q&A



PBA RECAP



PBA Window Recap

- 420.1K students have completed tests so far
- Feedback
 - Student Survey
 - Test Administer Survey
 - Media
 - Social Media
 - Other Opportunities



Feedback from Districts

PearsonAccess

- Live Site vs. Training Site
- Clarification on seal codes

TestNav8

- Confusing logout procedure
- Unclear directions
- Equation Editor



Session Times

- Finding that PARCC overestimated many session times
 - Especially prevalent in ELA PBA



NEXT STEPS



Stopping Sessions

- Started sessions need to be “stopped”
- All students must be in “Completed” or “Marked Complete” status
- Pearson will stop sessions for the field test but for operational it is a teacher/school responsibility

The screenshot displays the 'Manage Test Sessions' interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'home', 'Organizations', 'Student data', 'Test Setup', 'Test management', and 'Test Results'. Below these, a sub-menu includes 'Overview', 'Register Students', 'Manage Test Sessions', and 'Resolve Student Test Alerts'. The current organization is identified as 'Current organization:'. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Test Management > Manage Test Sessions > Session Details'. The main heading is 'Session Details', with a link to 'Return to Manage Test Sessions'. A toolbar contains several icons: a red 'Stop' button (highlighted with a red box), 'Authorizations', 'Proctor Caching', 'Session Roster', and 'Advanced Session Roster Download'. The 'Test Session Details' section shows 'Test Session Status:' as 'Started' (highlighted with a red box) and 'Session Name:' as '10PBA&EOY'. On the right side, there are labels for 'TestNav Settings:' and 'Proctor Caching Computer:'.



Java Update

- April 15 “Critical” Java update
 - Most schools are running 1.7.xx - must update to 1.7.55 before EOY
 - Schools with earlier versions of Java 1.5.xx or 1.6.xx may continue to use those versions
 - Posted on PARCC.Pearson.com/support
 - [Effect of Java Critical Patch Updates on TestNav 8](#)
- Java has released version 1.8.xx –NOT Required- if you decide to upgrade please wait until after all PARCC field testing is complete



EOY Sessions

- Pearson will set up the sessions for groups scheduled to take both PBA & EOY
 - We will notify schools when it is done so you can make needed changes
- Schools/Districts must set up sessions for EOY “only” groups
 - Remember to switch to the EOY administration



Adding to the Sample

- Email went out on Monday (4/14)
 - Contains a link to a fillable form
 - Does need approval from district superintendent
- There are slots available for online EOY



CURRENT STATE OF NEXT YEAR'S ASSESSMENTS



Math

- We are still working to make final determinations regarding EOC assessments in math.
- This is a complicated topic, and we are considering all of the feedback that we have received from stakeholders and throughout the field testing process.



ACT

- PARCC is the intended accountability assessment for grades 3-11 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year.
- We have included funding for optional ACT and WorkKeys in our FY15 budget request, and we are currently waiting on the legislature to pass the budget.



Science

- Decisions about science assessment in the 2014-2015 school year have not been finalized at this time.





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