

District 90 PARCC Information Night

*January 27, 2015
Lincoln Auditorium
7:00-8:00 pm*

Welcome

Tonight's Agenda 7:00-8:00 pm

1. Understanding more about PARCC
2. District 90 and PARCC
3. Your Child and PARCC
4. Questions and Answers

Illinois and PARCC

1. Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career
2. Multi-state consortium for assessment of the Common Core State Standards
3. Interactive computer based assessment format (21st Century Learning)
4. Depth, Rigor and Stamina (application of knowledge and skill)

PARCC



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A New Vision of Assessment:

Texts Worth Reading, Problems Worth Solving, Tests Worth Taking

PARCC Administration

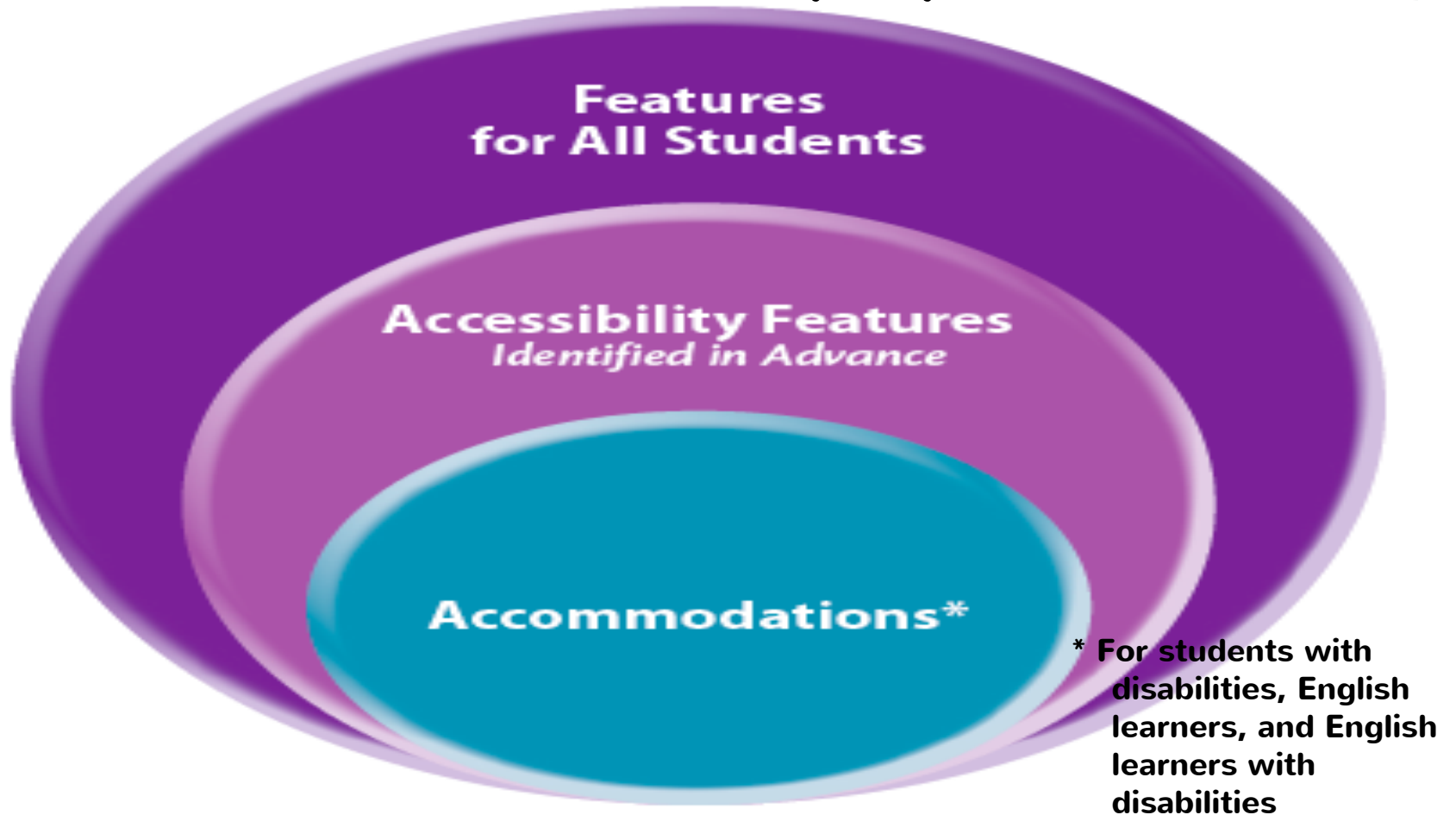
- Designed for wide range of learners in Grades 3-8
- Administered twice during the school year (March and May)
- March-Performance Based Assessment
- May-End of Year Assessment

Universal Design for Learning

Accessibility Features-designed to improve access for all students

Specific Accommodations for student with IEPs and/or 504 Plans

PARCC Accessibility System



District 90 and PARCC

- Commitment to student success, high quality instruction and the whole child
- Careful action planning
- Exposure to technology platform

A Look at PARCC Sample Items

Today you will read a story about a girl whose family is from India and a poem that expresses how the speaker faces frightening experiences. After you finish the task, you will write an essay about a theme in the story and the poem.

“Just Like Home”

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”

Read the story “Just Like Home.” Then answer the questions.

Just Like Home

by Mathangi Subramanian

1 When the recess bell rang, Priya sighed and slowly hung up her smock. At her old school, she spent recess climbing the monkey bars and sharing secrets with her friends. Now she sat in the corner of

Think about how “Just Like Home” and “Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” communicate ideas by using different structures.

Complete the chart by matching each structural element to the story or the poem. You may drag and drop some structural elements more than once.

setting

rhyme

dialogue

paragraphs

rhythm

stanzas

descriptions

“Just Like Home”

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”

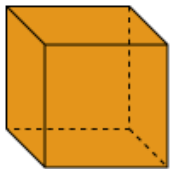
A Look at PARCC Sample Items

This table shows the three different ways that toy animals are packaged at a factory.

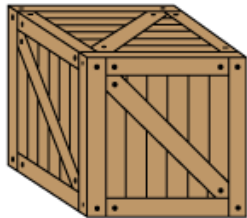
Package Type	Amount in the Package
Bag	36 toy animals
Box	48 bags
Crate	18 boxes



Bag
36 toy animals



Box
48 bags



Crate
18 boxes
not to scale

Part A

What is the total number of toy animals in one crate?

Enter your answer in the box.

 toy animals

Part B

One bag of toy animals weighs 12 ounces. What is the total weight, in ounces, of the bags of toy animals in one crate?

Enter your answer in the box.

 ounces

PARCC Challenges

- Large scale “first time” efforts
- Climate of “high stakes testing”
- New technology platform
- New ideas around accommodations/accessibility
- Limited information on scoring/communication

Student Scheduling

How much time does a child spend “testing”?

What does my child understand about PARCC?

What about instruction during those weeks?

How do I help my child at home?

Stay involved with day to day learning

Support good sleep habits and healthy eating

Encourage confidence and reduce anxiety

Questions?

Please use note cards to share your questions

Thank You