



River Forest
Public Schools

PARCC: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers

The PARCC assessment is aligned with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and replaces the previous Illinois State Standards Achievement Test (ISAT). It is administered to students in Grades 3-8 around the 75 percent point of the school year. PARCC provides educators with a student's profile of strengths, weaknesses, challenges, and needs. It also informs the District about the integration of the Common Core State Standards. PARCC assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics are crafted to yield specific information about students' readiness for college and careers. PARCC's technology-based tools and interactive interface deliver information on students that instructors can use to help inform instruction and embeds universal design to accommodate specific student needs. Adoption of the PARCC assessments represents a dramatic transformation of how students are evaluated by encouraging critical thinking skills and delving deeper into what students know and understand. Additionally, PARCC is founded on the belief that standardized evaluations should be a toll for enhancing teaching and learning. Along with providing specific information to District 90, PARCC generates information that can be used by states and local communities to determine how students compare to their peers in neighboring states and cities.

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