**PARCC Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations**

**Available for Student Practice 2015**

To help students and teachers prepare for the PARCC assessments, PARCC has provided several opportunities for practice with the content, format, tools, functionality, accessibility features, and accommodations provided on the assessments.

**Practice Tests:**

Practice tests are aligned to the test blue print specifications for each grade level and content area. In addition, for the English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA/L) assessments, the writing rubrics are available for each grade level as well as the answer keys.

Non-secure practice tests can be accessed through the following link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

Secure practice tests can be accessed through the training site beginning in mid-January 2015. Secure practice tests will allow students to log in with test tickets and are available at the following location: <http://parcc.pearson.com/technology-setup/> . The Infrastructure Trial Guide has instructions for accessing/using the training site: <http://parcc.pearson.com/resources/PARCC%20Infrastructure%20Readiness%20Guide.pdf>

**Tutorials:**

Tutorials provide descriptions and step-by-step instructions for accessing the computer-based tools and navigation within TestNav. The tutorials are available for various PARCC item types (both paper- and computer-based). Tutorials are also available for specific accessibility features and tools (e.g., the text-to-speech, the graphing calculator, and the equation editor). Tutorials can be accessed through the following link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/tutorial/>

**Sample Items:**

Sample items are test questions on the technology platform that students may interact with before taking the computer-based PARCC assessments. Students can engage with the different types of items (drag-and-drop, multiple select, etc.) and computer-based tools that will be available during testing. Sample items will not be scored; however, rubrics are available. Items are provided for ELA/L and mathematics in grade bands 3- 5, 6 – 8, and high school. Sample items can be accessed through the following link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/sample-items/>

**Training Modules:**

Many training modules are available to assist individuals in various roles within a school/district, including LEA or school test coordinators, test administrators, technology coordinators, and accommodations coordinators.

Training modules can be accessed through the following link: <http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/>

**Where PARCC Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations can be accessed:**

Below is a chart of tools, accessibility features, and accommodations along with the location of where they can be found to help students, teachers, and parents become familiar with the functionality.

| **Tools, Accessibility Feature and Accommodations**  | **Paper or Online**  | **Sample Items** | **Tutorials** | **Non-Secure Practice Tests** | **Secure Practice Tests in Training Center** | **Additional Information** |
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| **Answer Masking** | Online | X | X |  | X |  |
| **ASL Video**  | Online | X  |  |  |  | Sample Items will be available in February |
| **Assistive Technology**  | Online |  |  |  | X | Devices can be tested with TestNav 8.2 on January 15, 2015 |
| **Audio Amplification** | Online |  |  |  |  | Device specific |
| **Braille Version** | Paper |  |  | X |  |  |
| **Closed-Captioning of Multimedia on the ELA/Literacy Assessments** | Online |  |  |  |  | Sample Items coming soon. Closed Captioning Videos are available on <http://www.discoveryeducation.com//>  |
| **Color Contrast** **(Background/Font Color)** | Online | X | X |  | X |  |
| **Eliminate Answer Choices** | Online | X | X | X | X |  |
| **Flag Items for Review** | Online | X | X | X | X |  |
| **Pop-up Glossary** | Online |  |  | X |  | ELA only for pre-selected words |
| **Highlight Tool** | Online |  | X | X |  |  |
| **Large Print Edition**  | Paper |  |  | X |  |  |
| **Line Reader Tool** | Online | X | X | X |  |  |
| **Magnification/Enlargement Device** | Online | X | X | X |  |  |
| **Notepad**  | Online |  |  | **X** |  | The note pad will be available on TestNav 8.2 on January 15, 2015 |
| **Online Calculator** **(grades 6-8)** | Online | X | X | X |  |  |
| **Online Texas Instrument Graphing Calculator (high school)** | Online |  |  |  | X |  |
| **Text-to-Speech** | Online |  | X |  |  |  |
| **Writing Tools** | Online | X | X | X |  |  |
| **Screen Reader**  | Online |  |  | X | X | Screen Reader versions for PARCC Mathematics PBA and PARCC ELA/L EOY will be available in early February |
| **Spanish Translation of the Mathematics Assessment**  | Online | X |  |  |  | Sample items coming soon  |
| **Tactile Graphics** | Paper |  |  | X | X | Available for screen reader and paper practice tests. Request information through Mira Monroe (monroe\_m@cde.state.co.us)  |