



Maury Elementary

PARCC Testing
Spring 2021

What is PARCC?

- Stands for Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career
- Fully aligned with the Common Core State Standards
- Computer-based
- School and district accountability measure beginning 2016

Testing Grades/Subjects

- 3rd Grade – ELA and Math
- 4th Grade – ELA and Math
- 5th Grade – ELA, Math, ~~DC Science~~)

(~~5th grade does a Health Assessment too~~)

PARCC During a Pandemic?

- YES!
- Will be administered virtually and in-person 4/5-5/28
- Students with IEPs & 504s will receive the testing accommodations listed in their plans.



Scoring

The test is scored using a numerical scale score from 650 to 850. Students fall into one of five performance levels listed below:

Level 5 = exceeded expectations

Level 4 = met expectations

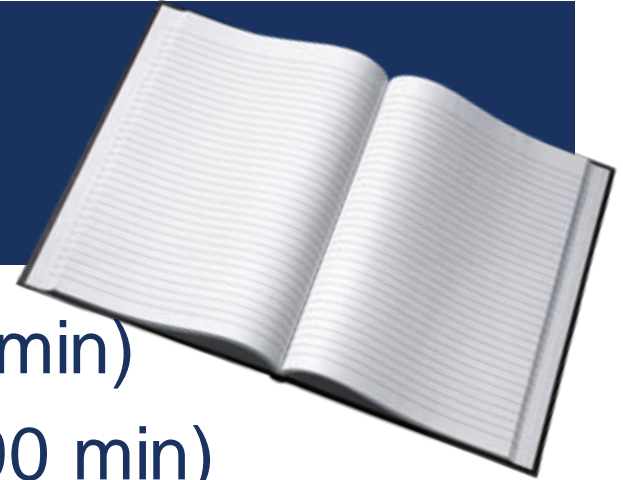
Level 3 = approached expectations

Level 2 = partially met expectations

Level 1 = did not yet meet expectations

Students who score a Level 4 or 5 are deemed on track for college. Students who score below a Level 4 will need additional support to fully meet the expectations in the tested grade and subject.

ELA



- Literature Analysis Task (75/90 min)
- Research Simulation Task (75/90 min)
- Narrative Writing Task (75/90 min)

All include:

- Reading multiple texts
- Answering selected response questions
- Writing a prose-constructed response

Prose-Constructed Responses

□ Literature Analysis Task (Opinion)

Write an essay that shows how the theme of the story is shown through the characters and the theme of the poem is shown through the speaker.

□ Research Simulation Task (Informational)

■ Write an essay comparing and contrasting the key details presenting in the two articles about how endangered animals can be helped.

□ Narrative Writing Task (Narrative)

□ Write a diary/journal entry...

□ Write the story from the perspective of another character...

□ Write a continuation of the story...

Math



- 3 – 60 minute units (no calculator)
- Variety of Type I,II,III questions
 - Type I: Concepts, skills and procedures
 - Type II: Expressing mathematical reasoning
 - Type III: Modeling applications

Home Technology Tips

Typing practice- Typing Agent

Tutorials to focus on

- Test Nav
- Equation Editor
- Grade 3-5 ELA Computer Based Tutorial
- Grade 3-5 Math Computer Based Tutorial

PARCC Practice Tests: <http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

How can I manage my child's emotions?

- ❑ Provide specific praise to your child for the things he/she does well. A child who feels good about his/herself & knows you believe in him/her, will do his/her best on test!!
- ❑ Highlight improvements your child is consistently making. He/she needs to know that you are paying attention to the growth details.
- ❑ Practice Mindfulness and relaxation techniques (deep breathing, total body, etc.)
- ❑ Talk to your child about his/her emotions. It's normal for them to be anxious but you can normalize the feeling and offer encouragement.



My child feels anxious...What do I do?

- Avoid test anxiety
- Plan ahead
- Remind your child(ren) to read directions carefully and to do their best and answer questions they're comfortable with first.
- Do something fun the night before!



Conversations/ Activities after the test

- Ask your child how they felt about the test.
- Get some outside play time.
- Practice mindfulness and relaxation techniques
- Praise their success each day.
- Talk about fun light topics
- Emphasize that the test is one measure of academic performance.
- Have fun!!!

