

The Department is committed to supporting teachers, parents, and students in their understanding of the 2014-2015 PARCC results for ELA and math and what the results mean for student learning in our state. As a result, the Department has released a suite of parent and teacher resources to help parents and teachers prepare for the upcoming release of student results in early November.

- **Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results:** guide to help parents read and interpret the PARCC student reports, with accompanying online resources
- **Parent Conversation Guide for Teachers:** talking points to help guide teachers' conversations with parents about the PARCC student reports
- **PARCC Results Parent Night Presentation:** PowerPoint presentation schools and districts can use during parent nights in October to introduce the student reports to parents and describe what parents can expect to learn from the reports about their child's performance on the PARCC tests
- **Model Parent/Teacher Conference Video:** video of a model parent-teacher conference discussing the PARCC student reports

Many districts and schools in Louisiana and across the United States are already supporting their students' parents to improve our schools and raise students' academic achievement. The purpose of this resource packet is to unite some of these strategies and provide districts and schools with ideas and resources to effectively prepare parents for the release of PARCC student reports the week of November 9, 2015.

METHODS OF SUPPORTING PARENTS IN THE RELEASE OF PARCC RESULTS

Engagement Structure & Description	Resources
<p>Parent Nights</p> <p>During the month of October, districts will be holding parent nights to discuss student progress during the first nine weeks. These meetings should also be used to talk with parents about what to expect on the PARCC student reports and should focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How the results will be used to impact instruction in the classroom this school year. 2. Teaching parents some of the new methods and approaches that their children are learning in school because of the new standards. 3. Addressing parents' misconceptions and questions, and giving them a venue to have their voices heard. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results [link] • PARCC Results Parent Night Presentation [link]
<p>Parent-Teacher Conferences</p> <p>Parent/Teacher conferences being held to discuss student performance in the first nine weeks should also be used to hold a conversation with parents on the release of PARCC results.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Conversation Guide for Teachers [link] • Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results [link] • Model Parent/Teacher Conference Video [link]

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<p>Online Resources</p> <p>Websites can be a good way to share information and resources with parents. These websites should be simple, clear, and easy for parents to navigate.</p> <p>Social Media is an easy and quick way to notify parents of the release of test results and resources.</p> <p>School messaging applications are also a quick and easy way to notify parents of test results and resources.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louisiana’s Family Support Toolbox: offers parents information on academic standards, test results, and links to practice tests and assessment guides for the 2015-2016 assessments. • Understand the Score: Online resource for parents to help them support their child’s learning at home. • Great Kids Milestones: A free, online collection of videos that show students demonstrating what success looks like in reading, writing, and math, grade by grade. • PTA Parent Guides: Contains an overview of the standards in every grade and suggested activities for your child. • “Be a Learning Hero” Learning Tools: Search by state, grade, and subject, to find learning activities you can use at home with your child in English language arts and math.

RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL PARCC RESOURCES AND INFORMATION

DATE	RELEASE
October 12	Public release of preliminary statewide scale scores (state-level only; not by LEA level or school level)
October 13	BESE considers cut-score levels to determine mastery, advanced, basic, approaching basic, and unsatisfactory
October 14	Department begins applying cut scores to scale scores
October 19 – 23	Public release of state and LEA level final scores by cut level
October 26 – 30	Public release of high school performance scores and letter grades
November 2-6	<p>Release of “Results Release Resource Suite” including resources to further support parents and teachers in understanding the results, and materials schools will use in conjunction with the release of student reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher Results Guide • Updated Parent Guide to PARCC Student Results • Updated Parent Resource Packet for Districts
November 9 – 13	Individual student reports for LEAs, teachers, and families detailing scores and skills for every student
December	Elementary and middle school performance scores and letter grades released