



BORDENTOWN REGIONAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARCC PARENT NIGHT

MARCH 6, 2017





AGENDA

- 1.) WHAT IS PARCC?
- 2.) SAMPLE QUESTIONS
- 3.) HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR BRMS STUDENT
- 4.) UNDERSTANDING THE SCORE
- 5.) HOW TO USE THE SCORES
- 6.) TIME FRAME FOR TESTING





WHAT IS PARCC?

- PARTNERSHIP FOR ASSESSMENT OF READINESS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS (PARCC) IS A GROUP OF 9 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA THAT HAVE WORKED TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A MODERN SET OF LEARNING TOOLS THAT ASSESS AND MEASURE WHAT A STUDENT KNOWS AND CAN DO.
- SINCE 2010 STATES HAVE ADOPTED NEW, HIGHER ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND TEACHERS HAVE BEGUN TEACHING THEM IN THEIR DAILY INSTRUCTION.
- THESE CAREFULLY PREPARED TESTS ARE ENGAGING FOR STUDENTS AND EFFECTIVELY MEASURE ACHIEVEMENT ACROSS ALL LEVELS.
- THE TESTS TELL TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHETHER A STUDENT IS ON TRACK FOR THE NEXT STEPS IN THEIR EDUCATION AND MARK STUDENTS' PROGRESS FROM THIRD GRADE UP.







SAMPLE QUESTIONS

English Language Arts/Literacy, Grade 7

One example is from an old state test, the other is a new PARCC item.

 OLD STATE TEST	 PARCC TEST
<p>Writing Prompt:</p> <p>Going to the movies is a major source of entertainment for many students. Imagine that the only discount movie theater in your area is closing.</p> <p>Write a persuasive essay in support of keeping the discount movie theater open.</p>	<p>Prose Constructed Response:</p> <p>You have read a website entry and an article, and viewed a video describing Amelia Earhart. All three include information that supports the claim that Earhart was a brave, courageous person. The three titles are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Biography of Amelia Earhart” • “Earhart’s Final Resting Place Believed Found” • “Amelia Earhart’s Life and Disappearance” (video) <p>Consider the argument each author uses to demonstrate Earhart’s bravery.</p> <p>Write an essay that analyzes the strength of the arguments related to Earhart’s bravery in at least two of the three supporting materials. Remember to use textual evidence to support your ideas.</p>
<p>Writing prompts on past assessments often had nothing to do with a reading passage. In this example, students are asked to write a persuasive essay, which is good, but with nothing more than their opinions as “evidence.”</p>	<p>PARCC’s writing prompts serve as the final activity for a performance-based task. PARCC’s prose-constructed response prompts address both reading and writing standards, affording students the opportunity to demonstrate analysis skills through their writing.</p>





HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH THE TEST:

- 1.) ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ A COMBINATION OF FICTION AND NON-FICTION BOOKS DAILY.
- 2.) DISCUSS AND “DO” REAL LIFE MATH WITH YOUR CHILD. HELP THEM KNOW BASIC MATH FACTS. (MULTIPLICATION, DIVISION, SUBTRACTION, ADDITION)
- 3.) ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO DO HIS/HER BEST ON THE TEST.
- 4.) PROVIDE A QUIET, COMFORTABLE PLACE FOR STUDYING AND DOING HOMEWORK AT HOME
- 5.) MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD GETS A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP AND A NUTRITIOUS BREAKFAST BEFORE A TEST.





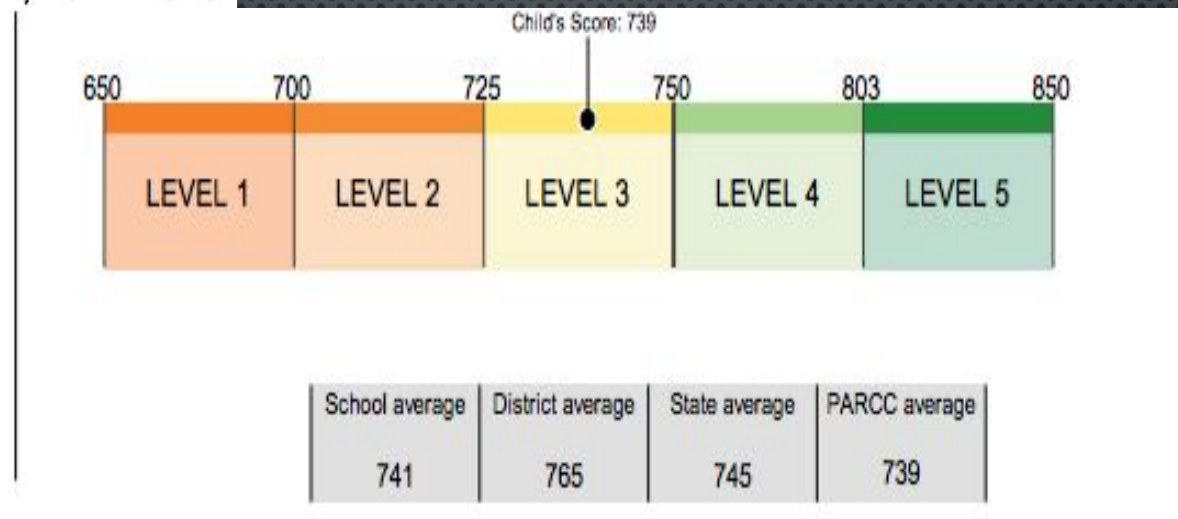
UNDERSTANDING THE SCORE



ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS / LITERACY
Grade 6 Assessment Report, 2014–2015

Level 3
Your child performed at Level 3
and earned a score of 739

Students performing at levels 4 and 5
met or exceeded expectations.
For a description of each performance
level, see page 2.



Overall student performance-shows your student's overall numerical score and the performance level achieved based on that score. Level 1 indicates a student is not yet meeting grade level expectations and Level 5 indicates the student has a strong understanding of grade level material.

Score Graph – The colored graph shows the score ranges for each performance level and where your child's score falls within that range. This gives you an indication of how close your child is to achieving the next level.



WHY SCORES ARE HELPFUL

AT SCHOOL

- ★ SCORES HELP DETERMINE TITLE I PROGRAM PLACEMENT IN THE SCHOOL
- ★ SCORES PROVIDE HELPFUL FEEDBACK TO THE TEACHERS
- ★ SCORES PROVIDE HELPFUL FEEDBACK TO THE STUDENTS

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

- ★ SCORES PROVIDES YOU, PARENTS/GUARDIANS, WITH AN IDEA OF YOUR CHILD'S ABILITIES AND PROGRESS FROM YEAR TO YEAR

TIME FRAME

- ★ PARCC TEST COMPLETION WILL ALLOW FOR LIMITED LOSS OF INSTRUCTIONAL TIME
- ★ STUDENTS WILL TEST BY GRADE LEVEL FROM 8:08 AM - 11:40 AM FOR THREE DAYS
- ★ ONE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND ONE MATH TEST WILL BE ADMINISTERED EACH DAY
- ★ ALL TESTING WILL BE COMPLETED BY SPRING BREAK

TEST DATES BY GRADE LEVEL

- ★ 6TH GRADE MARCH 27, 28, 29, 2017
- ★ 7TH GRADE MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 3, 2017
- ★ 8TH GRADE APRIL 4, 5, 6, 2017