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Partnership for Assessment of  
Readiness for College and Careers



# History

- Based on the Common Core Standards
- Massachusetts adopted the Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy Standards in December 2010
- PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) - next generation assessment that is slated replace MCAS.



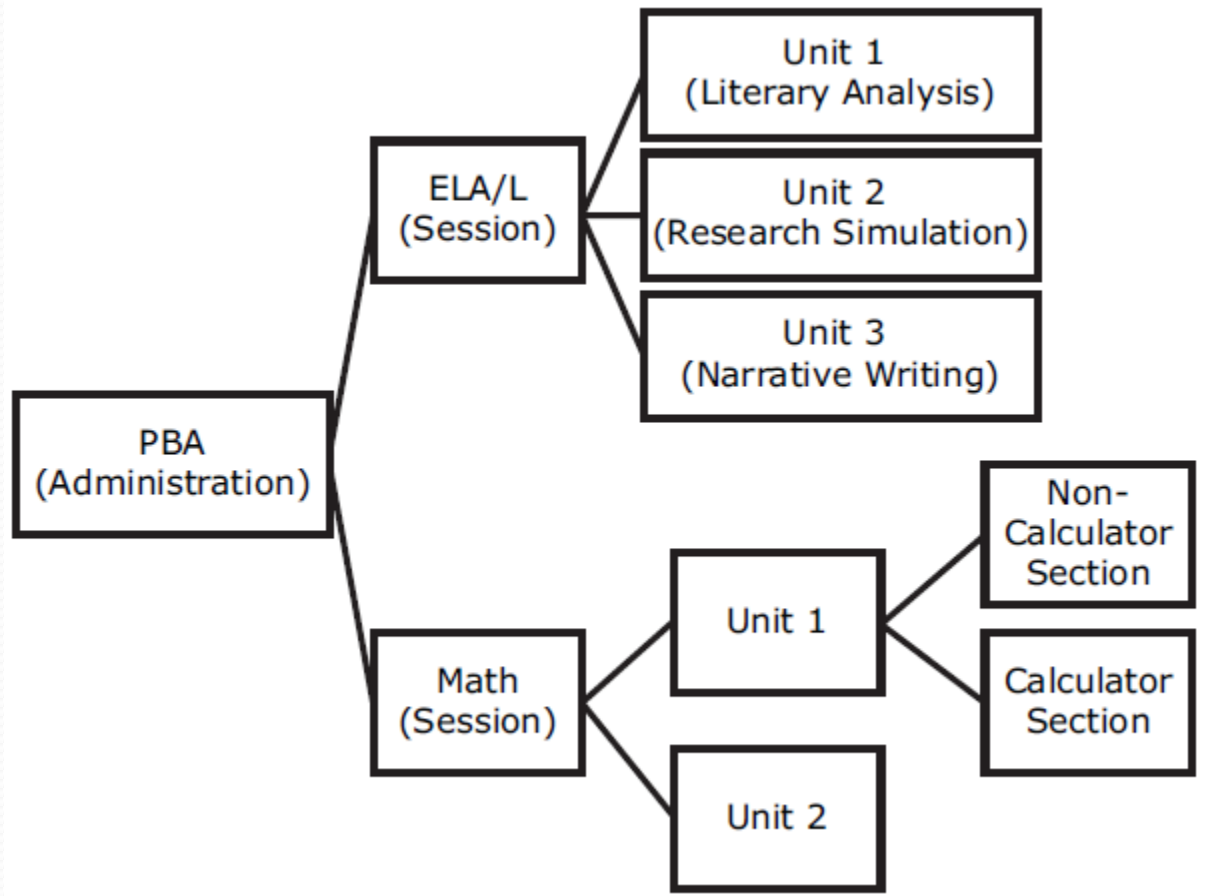
# Test

- Massachusetts in its second year of the PARCC ‘Test Drive’
- 54% of Massachusetts districts are participating in the Operational Phase of the PARCC Test
- 46% opted to continue testing with MCAS

# Test

- Computer – based OR paper /pencil
- Two types of tests
  - Performance Based Assessment (PBA)
    - Math has 2 sessions
    - ELA has 3 sessions
  - End of Year Assessment (EOY)
    - Math has 2 sessions
    - ELA has 2 sessions

# Schematic of the PARCC Test



# Accommodations

- This test is a timed test for most students.
- Those students who are on an IEP or who are an ELL student may have extended time within the school day.
- Students will receive most of the same accommodations as they did when taking the MCAS test with the exception of:
  - A math resource sheet
  - Graphic Organizers
- A full list of accommodations can be found at [parconline.org](http://parconline.org)



# Decisions Made

- The district will be both computer-based and paper-pencil based on the availability of proper devices.
- Bancroft students in G. 3 – G. 5 will be computer-based using both the iPad and the MacBooks.
- Remaining elementary students across the district in G. 3 – G. 5 will be paper-pencil.
- All middle schools will be computer-based using both iPads and MacBooks.
- High School will continue to take MCAS as it will remain a graduation requirement until 2018.

# Full Testing Schedule

## March and April

	<i>Computer-Based</i>	<i>Paper-Based</i>
PARCC Performance Based Assessment ELA - 3 sessions Math 2 sessions	March 16 - April 10 <i>20 school days</i> <b>Bancroft G. 3 - 5</b> <b>All G. 6 - 8</b>	March 23 - April 3 <i>10 school days</i> <b>All other G. 3 - 5</b>
MCAS ELA Composition		March 24 <b>G. 10</b>
MCAS ELA Comprehension Session 1 & 2		March 25 <b>G. 10</b>
MCAS ELA Comprehension Session 3		March 26 <b>G. 10</b>



# Full Testing Schedule

## May and June

	<i>Computer-Based</i>	<i>Paper-Based</i>
PARCC End of Year Assessment ELA - 2 sessions Math - 2 sessions	May 4 - May 29 <b>Bancroft G. 3 - 5</b> <b>All G. 6 - 8</b>	May 11 - May 23 <b>All other G. 3 - 5</b>
MCAS Science & Technology/Engineering		May 5 - May 19 <b>G. 5 and G. 8</b>
MCAS Math - Session 1		May 12 - <b>G. 10</b>
MCAS Math - Session 2		May 13 - <b>G. 10</b>
MCAS STE - Session 1		June 2 - <b>G. 10</b>
MCAS STE - Session 2		June 3 - <b>G. 10</b>



# Reports

- The state will report all scores from the PARCC and the MCAS test to parents, schools, and districts.
  - The state has not provided districts with the time lines for when these reports will be released.
- The schools that chose to test using PARCC will be held harmless in their ratings.

# Information

- Information is posted to APS<sub>1</sub> website
  - Home → Students → PARCC → DESE  
PARCC → Information
- <http://www.doe.mass.edu/parcc/>
- Parcc.pearson.com
- www.parcconline.org