

PARCC



2017 Spring Assessment

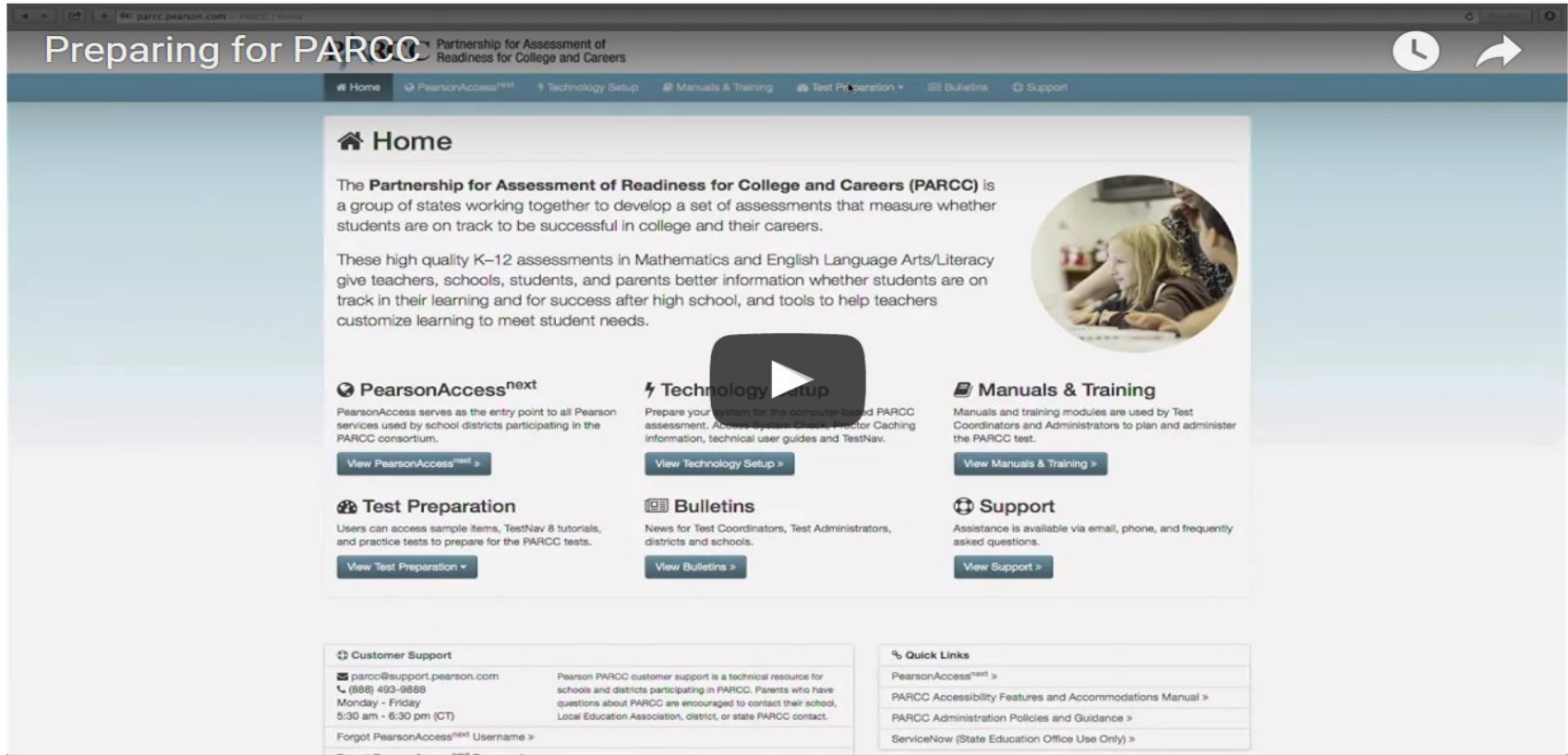
Delran Township Schools

PARCC Night February 28th, 2017

Delran Intermediate School



This video shows a text conversation between a parent and a child about the PARCC assessment.



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The **Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)** is a group of states working together to develop a set of assessments that measure whether students are on track to be successful in college and their careers.

These high quality K–12 assessments in Mathematics and English Language Arts/Literacy give teachers, schools, students, and parents better information whether students are on track in their learning and for success after high school, and tools to help teachers customize learning to meet student needs.

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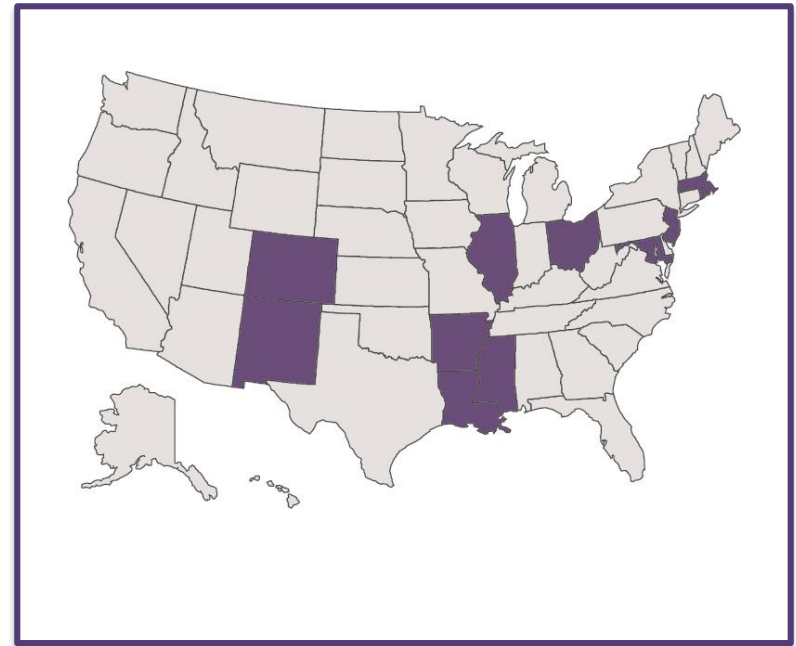
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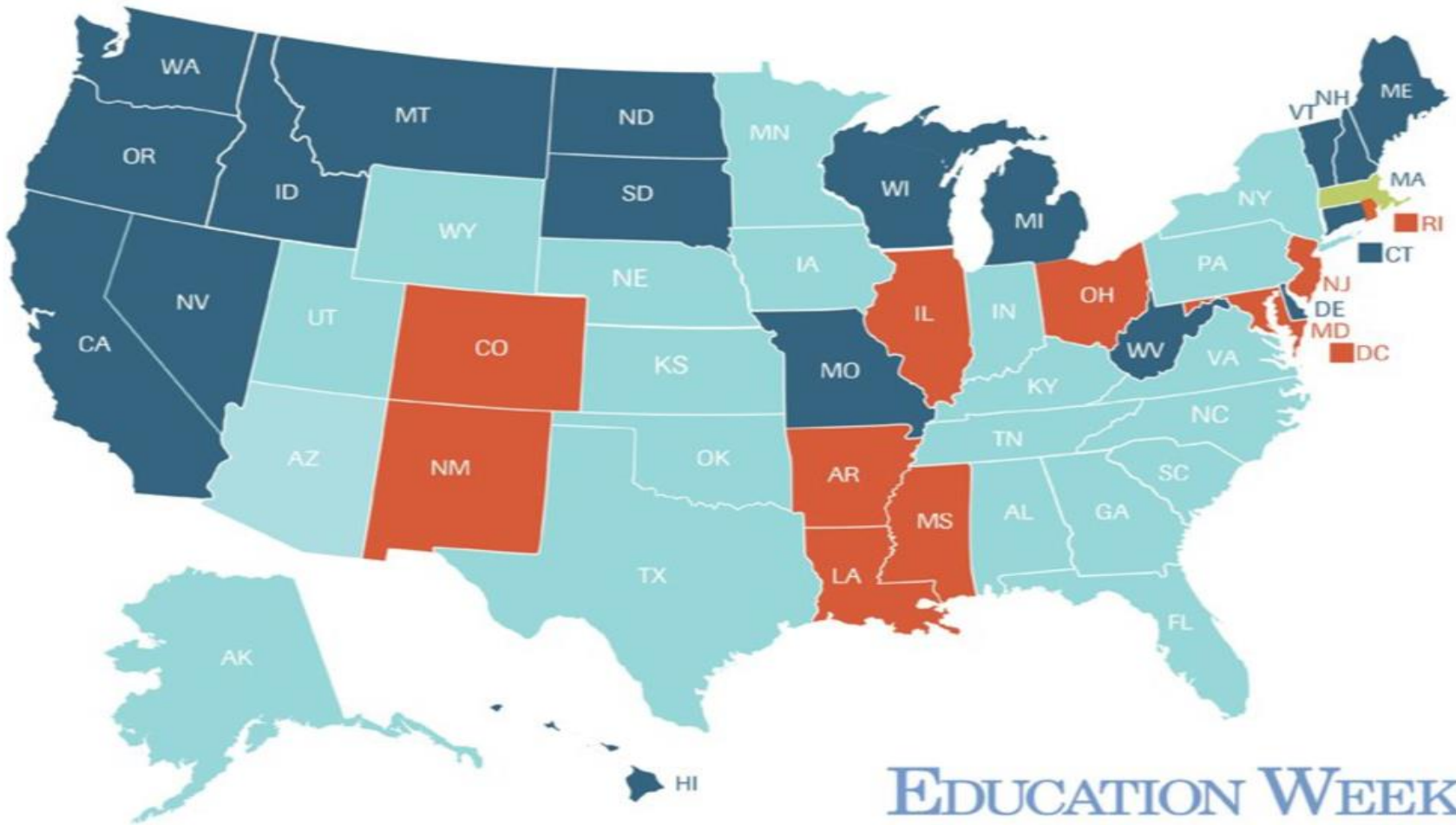
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What is PARCC?

- Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a group of 11 states and the District of Columbia that have worked together with thousands of teachers and education experts 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.
- Honest, fair and transparent assessments were needed to align with the standards and allow teachers and parents to open the door to student success.
- 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.





■ Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (18)
 ■ Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (10 plus D.C.)
 ■ Other (21)
 ■ Undecided (1)

○ Indicates state is one of seven using one test for grades 3-8 and another for high school (HS). Hover for more information about state tests.

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PARCC in New Jersey

- In August 2010, New Jersey voluntarily adopted new, college and career-ready academic standards in an effort to better prepare our children for the next steps in their education and in life, and to bolster a competitive and thriving state economy.
- Last year in the spring of 2016 New Jersey Governor decided to abandon the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in lieu of the New Jersey Learning Standards (NJLS). Delran Township Schools has developed curriculum to meet the new standards.
- Students in grades 3-12 take the PARCC assessment.



What makes PARCC different?

PARCC assessments:

- Not only evaluate a student's progress, but also show teachers and parents where a student needs help so they are able to personalize instruction to meet individual student needs.
- Will help ensure all students, regardless of income or family background, have equal access to a world-class education to prepare them for success in college and careers.
- Serve as an educational GPS system, assessing where a student currently is and the best route to get to where they need to be by graduation so they are career and college ready.
- Will help students achieve, which will lead to a better-educated workforce, stronger communities and a more competitive United States.



What makes PARCC different?

It tests critical thinking, rather than rote memorization. The test goes well beyond the traditional bubble tests by measuring critical thinking and problem solving skills that are very important in college and the workforce.

Other tests	PARCC assessments
Primarily use multiple-choice format that emphasizes memorization, “test prep” and guessing.	Allow students to submit answers and detailed responses, eliminating guesswork and allowing students to show their thinking and knowledge.
Test students’ rote learning.	Assess students’ abilities to read carefully, communicate clearly and problem solve.
Offer basic, one-step problems.	Present challenging, multi-tiered problems.
Are too vague to offer detailed insight to gauge students’ readiness for the next step toward success.	Provide students, parents and educators detailed information so they can understand how students are progressing, where they need assistance and where they can be encouraged to do more.





Sample Questions

To take a practice PARCC test, go to <http://www.parcconline.org/take-the-test>

English Language Arts/Literacy, Grade 5




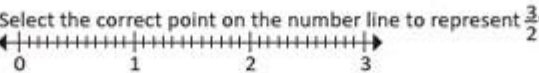

One example is from an old state test, the other is a new PARCC item.

 OLD TEST ITEM	 PARCC TEST ITEM
<p>Which two words are synonyms for heap?</p> <p>A. pile B. row C. corner D. mound E. pattern</p>	<p>PART A What is the meaning of the word dictate as it is used in paragraph 23?</p> <p>a. Hint b. Fix c. Understand d. Decide</p> <p>PART B Which phrase helps the reader understand the meaning of dictate?</p> <p>a. "...recreate the tree house..." b. "...determine the shape..." c. "...is less expensive to build..." d. "...has all the time in the world..."</p>
WHAT'S DIFFERENT?	
<p>Students must memorize vocabulary words without context.</p>	<p>At first, this may look like the multiple choice questions of the past. But note that in Part A students have the advantage of the reading passage to gather meaning and, in Part B, students are asked to support their response with evidence from the text. PARCC focuses attention on vocabulary, particularly academic language, which is emphasized in the standards.</p>



Sample Questions

Math Grade 4

 OLD TEST ITEM	 PARCC TEST ITEM
<p>Justine is using the stickers below to decorate a picture frame.</p>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What fraction of Justine's stickers are hearts? Which of the number in your fraction represents the whole set of stickers? 2. Draw and label a number line and mark an X on the number line to show the location of the fraction of Justine's stickers that are ladybugs. <p>BE SURE TO LABEL YOUR RESPONSES 1 AND 2.</p>	<p>Ava and Mia are comparing the fractions $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$.</p> <p>PART A: Ava created this number line to graph $\frac{3}{2}$.</p> <p>Select the correct point on the number line to represent $\frac{3}{2}$.</p>  <p>Mia created this number line to graph $\frac{5}{6}$.</p> <p>Select the correct point on the number line to represent $\frac{5}{6}$.</p>  <p>PART B: Is $\frac{3}{2}$ greater than or less than $\frac{5}{6}$? Explain how you know.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 80px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>PART C: Write a fraction that is between $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px;"></div>
WHAT'S DIFFERENT?	
<p>Notice the focus on procedure only (counting in this case). You can also see that it's a simple, static item. In other words, students aren't engaging with the material.</p>	<p>The PARCC Item is in several parts. Part A asks students to demonstrate they know that a fraction is a number, rather than just a ratio (like heart stickers to total number of stickers), which puts the focus on understanding the concept. Students will interact with the problem by placing fractions on the number line, an example of using technology to enhance the question.</p> <p>In Part B, students are asked to make sense of the fractions as numbers by comparing them — taking a step beyond just putting them on the number line.</p> <p>In Part C, students apply their understanding by creating a fraction that is between $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$. You can see that the tasks build upon one another and ask students to do more than just procedures. They have to demonstrate understanding and apply and explain their knowledge.</p>



Time spent testing

- Students will engage in the tests in late spring.
- Students in grades 3-5 will spend about **four** hours each on the mathematics and English language arts/literacy portions of the test totaling less than 1% of the school year.
- Those will be broken down into smaller units that will take between 75 to 90 minutes, though schools will schedule up to 120 minutes for each unit to make sure that all students have the time they need.
- Students with disabilities may have more time, as is called for in their Individualized Education Plan.

Average time waiting
in the lunch line:



39
hours/year



Unit Times ELA/L *



ELA/L	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Total Time For <u>NON</u> Field Test Schools
Grade 3	90	75	90	4 Hr. 15 Min.
Grades 4-5	90	90	90	4 Hr. 30 Min.
Grades 6-11	110	110	90	5 Hr. 10 Min.

* Does not include 25-30 minutes needed for logging on students, reading directions, and closing-out students.





Unit Times

Mathematics – ALL Schools *

Mathematics	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4	Total Time
Grades 3-5	60	60	60	60	4 Hr.
Grades 6-8	80	80	80	NA	4 Hr.
Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II	90	90	90	NA	4 Hr. 30 Min.

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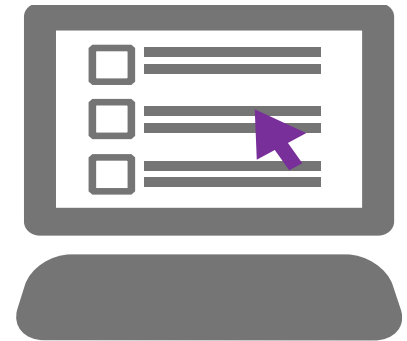


Testing Dates for PARCC 2017 Spring Assessment

School	Grades / Units	Dates
Delran Intermediate School		
Grade 3	3rd Grade Mathematics	April 24-25-26 & 28
	3rd Grade English Language Arts	May 2-3-4
Grade 4	4th Grade Mathematics	April 25-26 & 28
	4th Grade English Language Arts	April 25-26-27-28
Grade 5	5th Grade Mathematics	May 2-3-4-5
	5th Grade English Language Arts	April 4-5-6

Technology

- In Delran students will take the PARCC assessments on district-provided computers.
- PARCC states understand that in the 21st century students need to have access to technology in the classroom throughout the year, not just at testing time, ensuring they are comfortable using the technology
- The technology gives students independence and is more engaging, as it includes videos and interactive tools. Students are the drivers of their own testing experience which gives them confidence.
- PARCC is using Universal Design principles to make the new tests as accessible as possible to all students, including English learners and students with disabilities.
- Paper-and-pencil assessments will be available for those students who require them.



Parent Score Report

- PARCC state leaders and educators have designed a detailed and clear student assessment report on how your student is progressing and where he or she needs assistance.
- The PARCC score report uses clear icons and colors combined with information to explain results and resources for more information.
- The report is intended to help you work with your student’s teachers and school officials to decide how best to support your student’s needs.

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GRADE 3 ELA

English Language Arts/Literacy Assessment Report, 2015–2016

This report shows whether SCOTT met grade-level expectations and is on track for the next grade level. **This assessment is just one measure of how well your child is performing academically.**

To learn more about the test and to view sample questions and practice tests, visit UnderstandTheScore.org.

How Can You Use This Report?

Ask your child’s teachers:

- What do you see as my child’s academic strengths and areas for improvement?
- How will you use these test results to help my child make progress this school year?

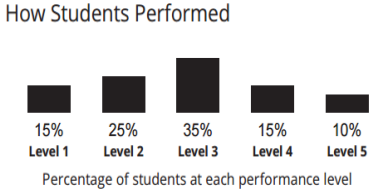
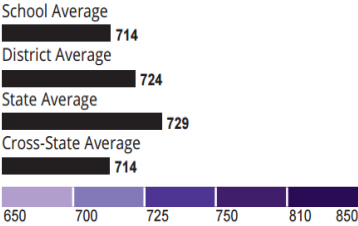
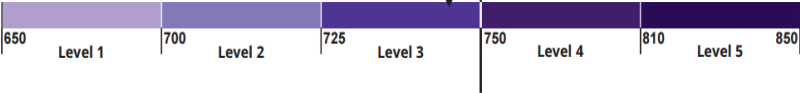
See side 2 of this report for specific information on your child’s performance in reading and writing.

How Did SCOTT Perform Overall?

Performance Level 3

- Level 5 Exceeded Expectations
- Level 4 Met Expectations
- Level 3 Approached Expectations
- Level 2 Partially Met Expectations
- Level 1 Did Not Yet Meet Expectations

Your child’s score
745



How You Can Support your Child

- Read a combination of fiction and non-fiction with your child. Ask him/her to research different options for college and jobs. Explore books, programs and articles that address the topics of interest.
- Discuss and “do” real life math with your child. Help him/her know basic math facts.
- Discuss the new tests with your child. Make sure he/she is not scared or anxious going into the new tests.
- Explain to your child that the tests will initially be more challenging. Tell your child to do his/her best on the test and that you are there to help every step of the way.
- After the test, review the results with your child. Bring the teacher into the discussion as needed.
- Provide a quiet, comfortable place for studying at home and make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and a nutritious breakfast before a test.
- Above all, be positive and encouraging about the tests.



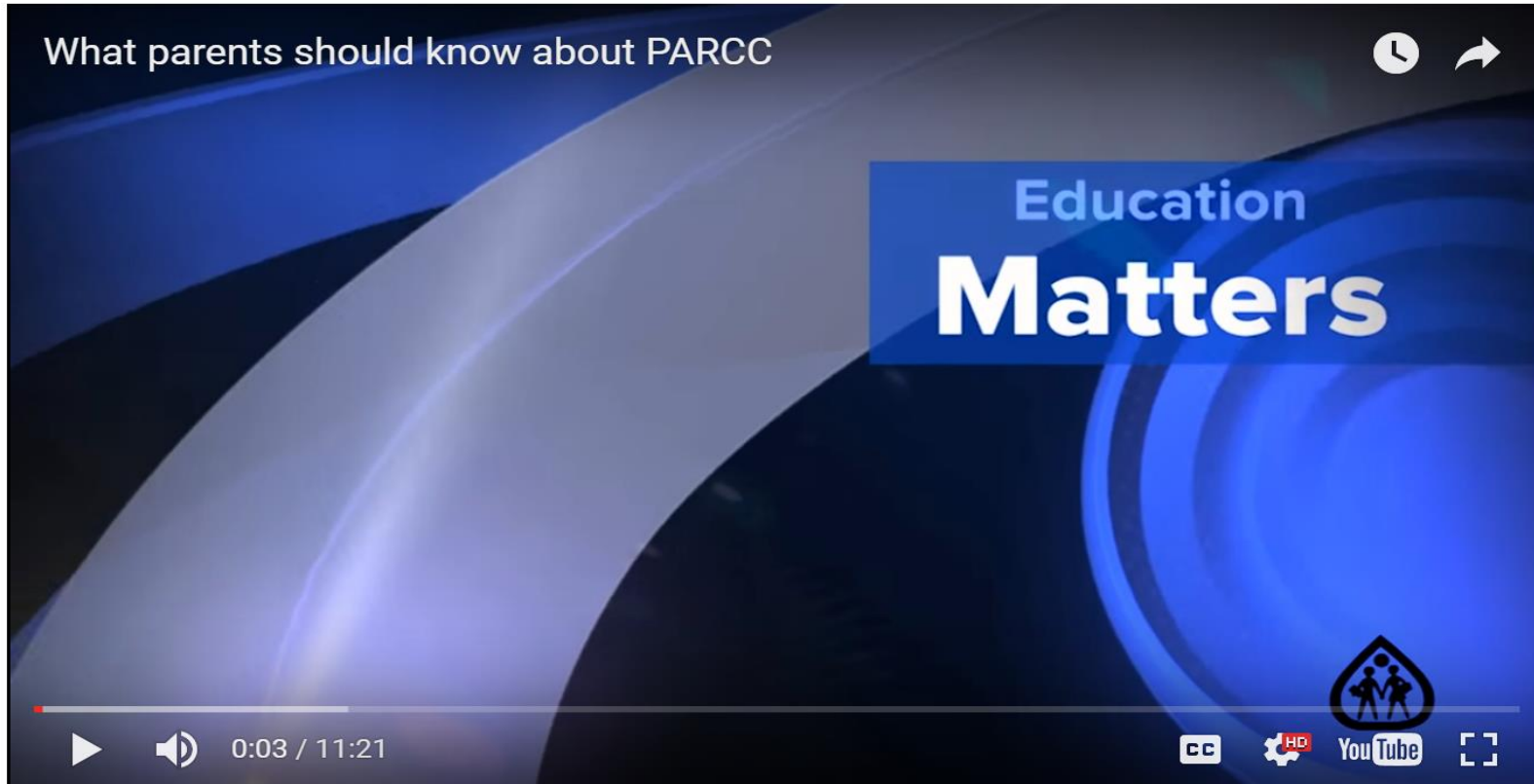
Additional Parent Resources

- Take the Test! PARCC has a test online that parents and students can try.
 - <http://www.parcconline.org/take-the-test>
- PARCC offers information about the assessments including fact sheets, a glossary and sample test questions.
 - <http://parconline.org/for-parents>
 - <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/english/> and <https://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/math/>
- Delran Resources http://www.delranschools.org/curriculum/p_a_r_c_c_information
- National Parent Teacher Association offers grade-by-grade parent guides for student success. Available in English and Spanish.
 - www.pta.org/parents/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2583
- Finaid offers information about all types of financial aid for college.
 - <http://www.finaid.org/>
- Scholarships.com offers information on planning for college and careers.
 - <https://www.scholarships.com/resources/college-prep/preparing-for-college/high-school-action-plan/>

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 - PARCC contact: <http://parconline.org/contact>
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In this video, Bari Erlichson of the New Jersey Department of Education helps parents make sense of the information they've received about PARCC, and explains what the assessments mean for their children.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c00s03r9Ddw>

