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Three things you need to know about

2015 PARCC Assessment Results

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1 Parents will receive score reports later this fall for the first Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) exam administration. These scores will look different than scores from previous state tests and may appear lower than what educators and parents typically expect for some students. This difference does not mean our students know less or are less capable. The PARCC exam scores will reflect higher expectations for what students should know and be able to do to stay on track for college and careers.

2 PARCC exam results cannot be compared to test scores from the state's previous assessments. The PARCC exam is a drastically different test that uses extended tasks and technology-enhanced items to more accurately measure students' critical thinking, problem solving, and writing skills, which are all necessary for students to succeed in higher education and/or their career field after high school.

3 The first year of PARCC testing will serve as a baseline for test scores and will determine the performance targets for future years. No immediate consequences are tied to the 2015 administration. In future years, scores will be available to educators and parents earlier and, ultimately, will provide them more timely and reliable information to determine whether students need extra assistance or more advanced instruction earlier in their academic career.