You student’s 2015 CMAS: PARCC test results in English language arts and math are available to be picked up in the front office.. As many of you know, this new state exam aligns to our new, higher Colorado Academic Standards. Students in grades third through 11th took this exam last spring, instead of our previous TCAP and CSAP exams.

These new assessments provide a clearer picture of how students are performing on higher academic standards, so that we can be sure that when our students graduate, they are ready for college-level work. The new Colorado Academic Standards focus on the development of skills vital to student success, including collaboration, communication and problem-solving, that weren’t easily captured by exams in the past.

Students, parents and teachers should not be discouraged by these new results; nor will these results affect students' grades or be part of transcripts they submit for college. Instead, these scores give us the opportunity to focus on the needs of each student so that we can give them the targeted support they need to be ready for college and career.  
  
The following resources have been designed to help families better understand and use the information from the assessments:

* Parent Guide: Understanding the New PARCC Score Reports
  + [English](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-EN.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Spanish](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_sp.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Vietnamese](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_VI.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Amharic](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-Am.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Arabic](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-AR.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Burmese](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_BU.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Nepali](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_nep.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Russian](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_RU.pdf" \t "_blank) |[Somali](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_SOM.pdf" \t "_blank) | [French](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Understanding-Your-Score-handout-FINAL_FR.pdf" \t "_blank)
* Parent Guide: Supporting Your Student
  + [English](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-EN.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Spanish](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_sp.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Vietnamese](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_VI.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Amharic](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-Am.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Arabic](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-AR.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Burmese](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_BU.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Nepali](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_nep.pdf" \t "_blank) | [Russian](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_RU.pdf" \t "_blank) |[Somali](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_SOM.pdf" \t "_blank) | [French](http://standards.dpsk12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Supporting-Student-Success-handout-FINAL_FR.pdf" \t "_blank)
* Visit the DPS Parents' [Standards](http://standards.dpsk12.org/" \t "_blank) and [Assessments](http://standards.dpsk12.org/assessments/cmas-resources/" \t "_blank) webpages for more information

Please encourage your student to stop by the front office and pick up a copy of their CMAS: PARCC test results.