PARCC Tools, Accessibility Features and Accommodations Available for Student Practice 2015

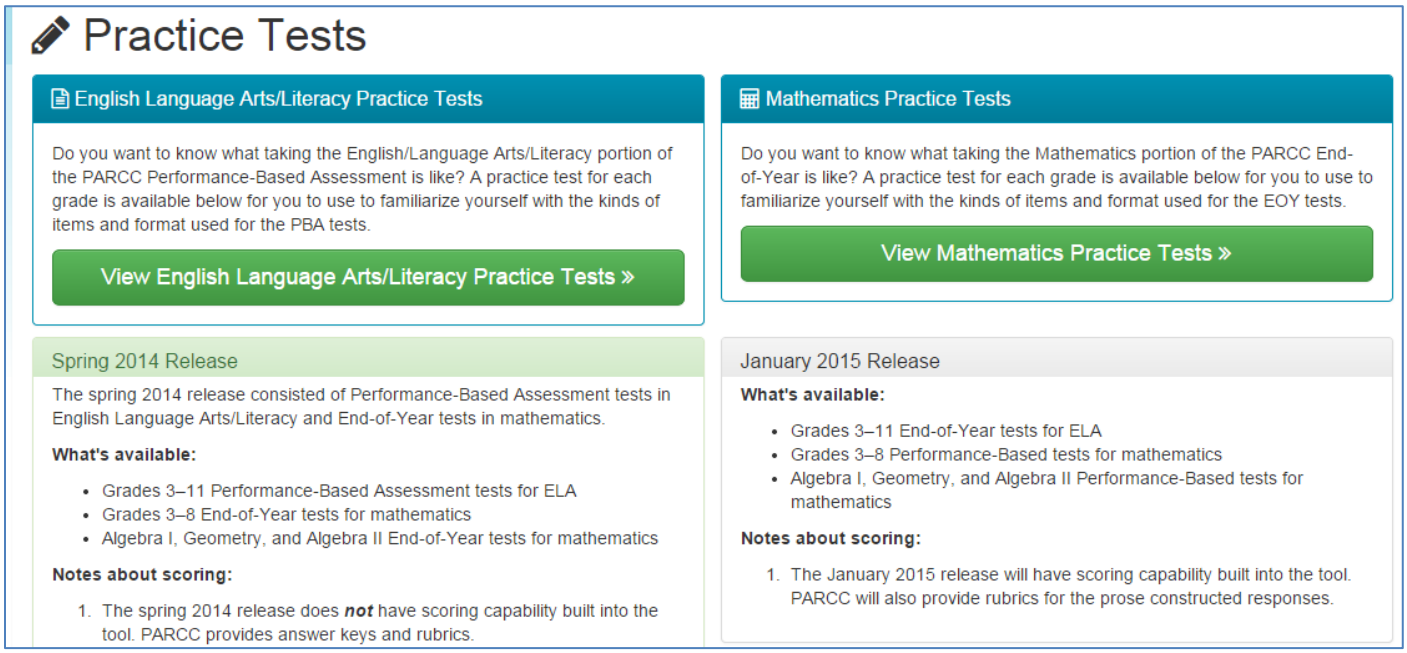
To help students and teachers prepare for PARCC assessments, PARCC provides several opportunities for practice with content, format, tools, functionality, accessibility features, and accommodations provided on the assessments. PARCC provides practice tests, tutorials, sample items and training modules.

Practice Tests:

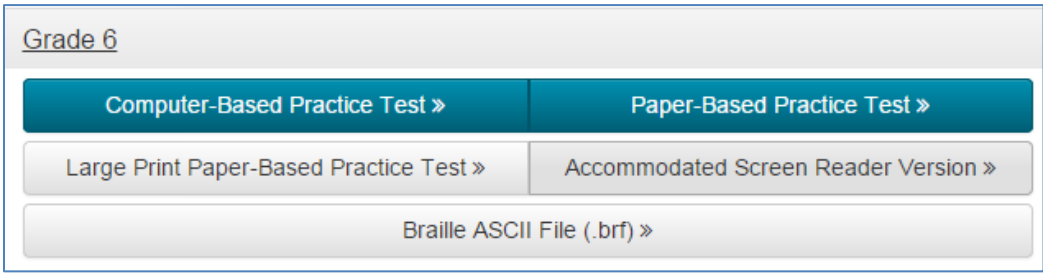
PARCC practice tests are aligned to the test blueprint specifications for each grade level and content area. Answer keys are provided, as well as writing rubrics for each grade level of the English Language Arts/Literacy assessments. Plan approximately 60 minutes for students to complete a full practice test, or a teacher could plan to review a smaller number of items with students on a daily or weekly basis.

There are 2 types of practice tests:

- **Secure:** Secure practice tests can be accessed through the training site at parcc.pearson.com → Technology Setup. They are available *beginning in late January 2015*. Secure tests will allow students to log in with the test tickets, and can be accessed as part of the Infrastructure Trial.
- **Non-Secure:** Non-secure tests can be accessed at parcc.pearson.com → Test Preparation → Practice Test. They are available in English Language Arts and Mathematics for both PBA and EOY at all grade levels.



- Select a content (ELA or Math), grade, and format (ie. Computer test, Paper test):



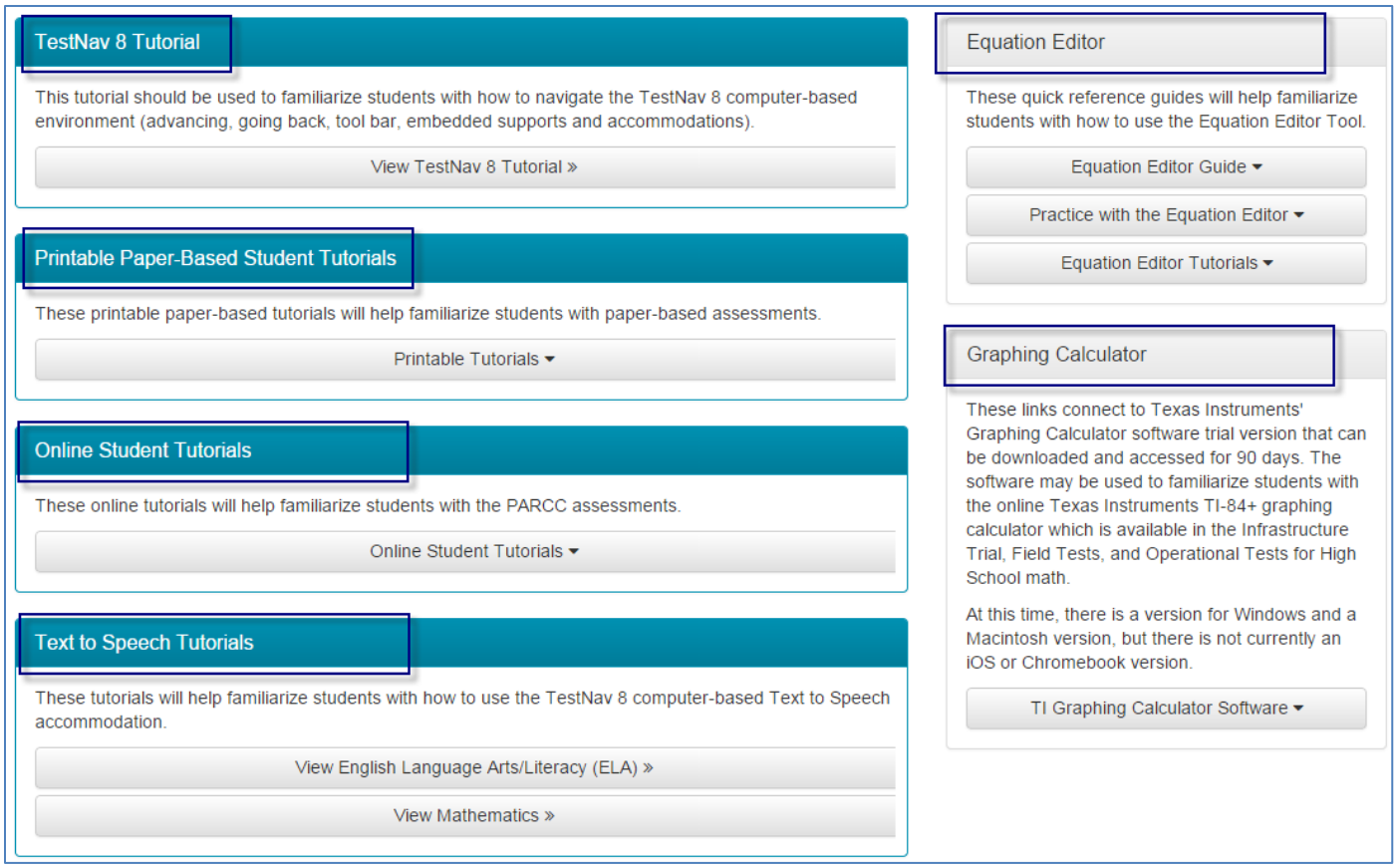
Note: The paper-based practice tests *are* printable. They are designed to resemble operational tests in every way possible, including the "Secure Do Not Copy" warning, however these practice tests can be printed.

Tutorials:

Tutorials provide descriptions and step-by-step instructions for accessing the computer-based tools and navigation within TestNav. Plan approximately 30 minutes to review each tutorial with students.

Tutorials can be accessed through the following link: parcc.pearson.com → Tutorial.

The tutorials are available for various PARCC item types (both paper- and computer-based). Tutorials are also available for specific accessibility features and tools (ie. text-to-speech, the graphing calculator, and the equation editor). There are six tutorials available, shown below.

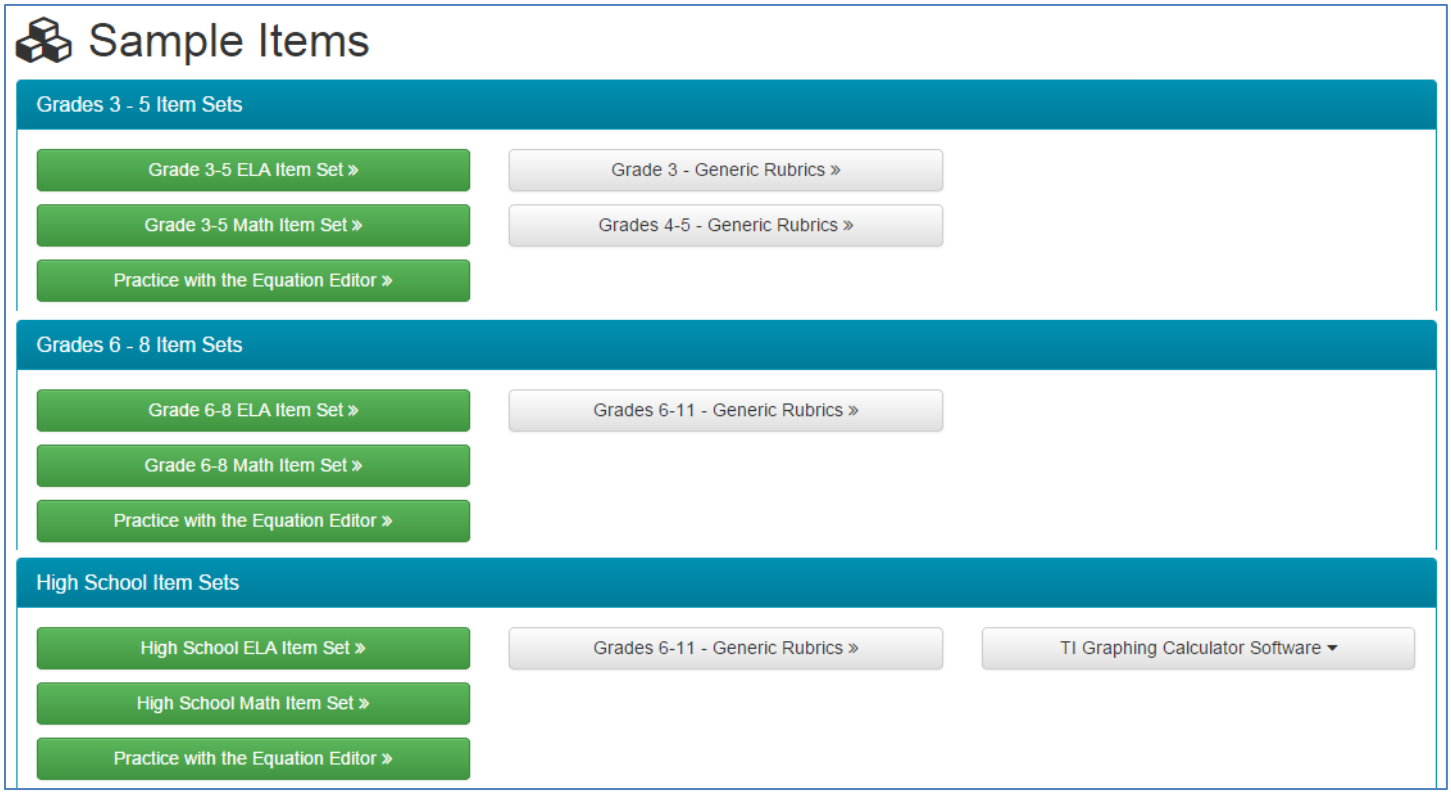


Sample Items:

Sample items are test questions on the technology platform that students can practice using before taking the computer-based PARCC assessments. Students can engage with the different types of items (drag-and-drop, multiple select, etc.) and computer-based tools (calculator, highlighted, etc.) that will be available during testing.

The PARCC ELA/Literacy summative assessments will include one prose constructed response (PCR) item for each of the tasks that appear on the performance-based assessment component of the PARCC summative assessments. PARCC draft generic rubrics are available to score the three PCRs for **Grade 3, Grades 4-5, and Grades 6-11**.

Sample items will not be scored. Items are provided for ELA/Literacy and mathematics in grade bands 3-5, 6-8, and high school. Sample items can be accessed through the following link: parcc.pearson.com → Test Preparation → Sample Items.



Training Modules:

Many training modules are available to assist individuals in various roles within a school/district, including school test coordinators (SALs), test administrators (teachers/proctors), technology coordinators (STRs/IT), and accommodations coordinators. Training modules can be access through the following link: http://parcc.pearson.com/manuals-training/ (under "Spring 2015").

PARCC bulletins include helpful hints for PARCC practice and administration. Bulletins are posted frequently at http://parcc.pearson.com/bulletins/.

Where Tools, Accessibility Features, and Accommodations can be accessed

Below is a chart listing each of the tools, accessibility features, or accommodations along with the location of where they can be found to help students, teachers, and parents become familiar with the functionality.

Tools, Accessibility Feature and Accommodations	Paper or Online	Sample Items[1]	Tutorials[1]	Non-Secure Practice Tests[1]	Secure Practice Tests in Training Center[2]	Additional Information
Answer Masking	Online	X	X		X	
ASL Video	Online	X				Sample Items will be available in February
Assistive Technology	Online				X	Devices can be tested with the release of TestNav 8.2 on January 15, 2015
Audio Amplification	Online					Device specific
Braille Version	Paper			X		
Closed-Captioning of Multimedia on the ELA/Literacy Assessments	Online					Sample items coming soon. Closed captioning videos are available at www.discoveryeducation.com
Color Contrast (Background/Font Color)	Online	X	X		X	
Eliminate Answer Choices	Online	X	X	X	X	
Flag Items for Review	Online	X	X	X	X	
Pop-up Glossary	Online			X		ELA only for pre-selected words
Highlight Tool	Online		X	X		
Large Print Edition	Paper			X		
Line Reader Tool	Online	X	X	X		
Magnification/Enlargement Device	Online	X	X	X		
Note Pad	Online			X		The note pad will be available with the release of TestNav 8.2 on January 15, 2015
Online Calculator (grades 6-8)	Online	X	X	X		
Online Texas Instrument Graphing Calculator (high school)	Online				X	
Text-to-Speech	Online		X			
Writing Tools	Online	X	X	X		

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Screen Reader Version	Online			X	X	Screen Reader versions for PARCC Mathematics PBA and PARCC ELA/L EOY will be available in early February. Refer to the Assistive Technology Guidelines PDF for more information, located at onlineassessment.dpsk11.org
Spanish Translation of the Mathematics Assessment	Online	X				Sample Items coming soon.
Tactile Graphics	Paper			X	X	Available for screen reader and paper practice tests. Request additional information from Mira Monroe at monroe_m@cde.state.co.us

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