

# General Information

What is PARCC?

## The PARCC Consortium

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) is a consortium of states that are working together through a Race to the Top assessment grant to develop a K-12 assessment system aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts/literacy and mathematics. Rhode Island is one of the governing states in PARCC and plays an important role in the assessment's development.

## ➤ **New Updates to the PARCC Design**

In response to feedback, PARCC has made important changes to the PARCC assessment that will be implemented in the 2015-16 school year.

## ➤ **Rhode Island's Assessment Transition**

This school year (2014-2015), we will introduce the new PARCC (or Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessments in mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)/literacy. These assessments will replace the NECAP Mathematics, Reading, and Writing assessments that we used for the past 9 years. Please note that the Science GSEs are still in effect and that the NECAP Science assessment will continue to be administered each May.

## Ten Things to Know about PARCC

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## ➤ **PARCC's Goal**

PARCC's goal is to dramatically increase the number of students graduating from high school college- and career-ready by creating a next generation assessment system to help meet that goal. PARCC states are committed to building an assessment system that is internationally benchmarked and anchored in what it takes to be college- and career-ready; scoring "proficient" on the assessments will mean students are on track for the next steps in their education, including postsecondary education and training after high school.

## ➤ **Resources**

## ➤ **Assessment Development**

(PARCConline.org)

## ➤ **PARCC Assessment Policies**

For more information on PARCC – Please visit the website below:

<http://www.ride.ri.gov/InstructionAssessment/Assessment/PARCCAssessment.aspx>