

# PARCC From Start to Finish

**Step 1: Take the Test, Spring 2015**

**5 million**

students in 11 states & DC take test  
Students take quality mathematics & English language arts/literacy assessments designed by educators to provide information on student progress and a road map for college and career readiness.

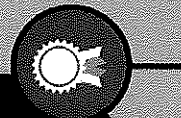


**Step 4: Vote to Adopt Performance Levels, August-September 2015**

State education  
**chiefs**

from K-12 and higher education

Review and vote to adopt common performance level "threshold scores." Each state decides on its own any additional uses of scores.



**Step 5: Share Score Reports, Fall 2015**

**Millions of parents**

receive their students' score report from their school district

The report provides actionable information to help parents, teachers and schools to work together to support students' needs, identify strengths and enhance learning.



**Step 2: Score the Test, Spring-Early Summer 2015**

**14,500 scorers**

Trained experts read and score questions students answered in writing.

Three-quarters with teaching experience, all with 4-year degrees



**Step 3: Set Performance Levels, July-August 2015**

**240 educators**  
and experts selected by states

Educators and other experts meet to review grade-level test results and then match scores to the 5 performance levels.



**Step 6: Sets new Baseline to Drive Growth, 2015 and beyond**

**All students**

As with any new test, scores will improve over time. PARCC sets the bar high to ensure students are on the way to mastering the skills they need to be prepared for the next grade and college and careers after high school.

