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<b>Memo Text</b>	501-682-4558  <a href="mailto:melody.morgan@arkansas.gov">melody.morgan@arkansas.gov</a>  This Commissioner's memo provides the revised ACTAAP testing calendar for the 2013-2014 school year.  August 19 – September 20, 2013 – Window for Kindergarten Screener (QUALLS)  January 14-15, 2014 – Mid-Year End of Course Algebra I Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)



**NOTE: Midyear exams were ONLY given to students completing a course in December. Very few end of course exams are given. A student who takes a midyear exam does not take it again at the end of the year.**

January 16-17, 2014 – Mid-Year End of Course Geometry Exam (Thursday-Friday)

January 21-22, 2014 – Mid-Year End of Course Biology Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)

March 11-12, 2014 – Grade 11 Literacy Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)

March 17 – May 2, 2014 – Window for English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) for LEP students K-12

March 21, 2014 – Alternate Portfolio Due Date (Friday)

March 31 – April 11, 2014 – Window for Grades 1-2 and Grade 9 Iowa Tests (NRT)

April 7-11, 2014 – Augmented Benchmark Exams in Grades 3-8 (Monday-Friday)

April 22-23, 2014 – End of Course Geometry Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)

April 29-30, 2014 – End of Course Biology Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)

May 13-14, 2014 – End of Course Algebra I Exam (Tuesday-Wednesday)

There will be no waivers granted from these testing dates.

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<b>Attachments</b>	The tentative testing calendar for the 2014-2015 school year has been established. This calendar includes windows for the first operational Partnership for Assessment for Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy assessments. Because the PARCC assessments include two components, a performance-based assessment to be administered at approximately 75% of the instructional year and an end-of-year assessment at approximately 90% of the instructional year, two separate windows are listed below. School districts will select test administration dates within each window. Refer to the attachment for a calendar of the PARCC windows. School districts



on a four-by-four block must contact the Office of Student Assessment for unique fall and spring PARCC windows.

Students with the most significant cognitive disabilities will participate in the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC) online assessments in math and ELA at grades 3-8 and 11 during a window to be announced.

August 18 – September 19, 2014: Window for Kindergarten Screener

January 20-21, 2015: Mid-Year End-of-Course Biology Exam (Tuesday - Wednesday)

March 9 – April 10, 2015 (4 weeks\*): Window for PARCC Performance-based Assessments

- Grades 3 – 8 Math and ELA/Literacy
- Grades 9 – 11 ELA/Literacy
- Algebra I End-of-Course
- Geometry End-of-Course
- Algebra II End-of-Course

March 16 – May 1, 2015: Window for English Language Development Assessment (ELDA) for LEP students K-12

March 20, 2015: Science Alternate Portfolio, grades 5, 7 & 10 due date (Friday)

April 6 – April 17, 2015: Window for Iowa Tests, grades 1 & 2 (NRT)

April 14 – 15, 2015: Benchmark Science Exam, grades 5 & 7  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)

April 27 - May 22, 2015 (4 weeks): Window for PARCC End-of-Year Assessments

- Grades 3-8 Math and ELA/Literacy
- Grades 9-11 ELA/Literacy
- Algebra I End-of-Course
- Geometry End-of-Course
- Algebra II End-of-Course

April 28 – 29, 2015 – End-of-Course Biology Exam (Tuesday - Wednesday)

\* The Uniform Spring Break is the week of March 23-27.

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**2015 REGULAR SPRING PARCC ADMINISTRATION  
WINDOWS**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>March 2015</b>	2	3	4	5	6	
	9	10	11	12	13	PBA
	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	Spring Break
	30	31	1	2	3	
<b>April 2015</b>	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	1	EOY
	4	5	6	7	8	
<b>May 2015</b>	11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	

**PBA: Performance Based Assessment**

**EOY: End-of-Year Assessment**

**Add to these the**

The PLAN test given to all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students

The PSAT given to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who pay (Both given in October)

AND

The ACT given to all 11<sup>th</sup> grade students on a school day – Paid for by state

AP testing given to ALL students who take an AP class – Paid for by state

IB testing given to ALL students who take IB classes – Paid for by state (All in the Spring)

**PARCC States**

- Arkansas
- Colorado
- District of Columbia
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Louisiana
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Mississippi
- New Jersey

- New Mexico
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island

PARCC technology needs:

<http://www.parcconline.org/technology>

## **TALKING POINTS**

### **Before 2014-2015**

#### **Per Commissioner's Memo LS-14—070**

- In the 2013 -2014 school year and before there was 1 test for K-2 (QUALLS for K, and Iowa for 1-2)
- In the 2013-2014 school year and before there was 1 five day test given to grades 3-8 (The Augmented Benchmark)
  - The Explore test was (and will continue to be) given to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- In the 2013-2014 school year and before 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students were given the Algebra I EOC, Biology EOC, Geometry EOC, Iowa for 9<sup>th</sup> graders, 11<sup>th</sup> grade Literacy exam, the PLAN, and the ACT. (the PSAT is optional for students)
- In the 2013-2014 school year and before 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in an AP or IB class take these tests with no cost to the student.
- ALL LEP students K – 12 will take the (English Language Development Assessment ) ELDA exam
- TOTAL TESTS
  - 1 test for k-2 (2 tests if ESL)
  - 1 test for 3-7 (2 tests if ESL)
  - 1-3 tests for 8<sup>th</sup> grade - Benchmark, possibly Alg I, possibly ELDA
  - 2 tests for 9<sup>th</sup> grade (Algebra I OR Geometry and the IOWA)
  - 3 or more tests for 10<sup>th</sup> (Geometry, Biology, PLAN, PSAT ~Optional, AP/IB tests ~if enrolled)
  - 1 or more tests for 11<sup>th</sup> (Literacy, PSAT ~ Optional, AP/IB tests ~ or more)
    - There could be several AP/IB tests per student.



- K – 2 (1or 2)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 1 or 2 tests
- 8<sup>th</sup> up to 3 tests
- 9 – 12 = 6 mandatory, (7 if they are ESL) SEVERAL others if they are enrolled in AP/IB classes

## 2014 – 2015 Testing

### **Per Commissioner’s Memo LS-14—063**

- In the 2014-2015 school year there is 1 test for K – 2 (kindergarten Screener and the Iowa) No change other than the Kindergarten screener is no longer called QUALLS
- In the 2014-2015 school year grades 3-8 will take the Math and Literacy Project Based Assessment (PBA) exams AND End of Year (EOY) Exam ~ **NEW+1**
- In the 2014-2015 school year grade 9 will take an English Language PBA and EOY assessments AND either Alg 1 OR Geometry PBA and EOY assessment ~**NEW x’s 2**
- All 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the PLAN ~ NO change
- All 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students who pay will take the PSAT (Both in the fall) NO change
- In the 2014-2015 school year grade 10 will take an English Language PBA and EOY assessment, Biology EOC and Geometry OR Alg II PBA AND EOY assessment ~**NEW x’s 2**
- In the 2014-2015 school year grade 11 will take an English Language PBA and EOY assessment AND the ALG II PBA and EOY assessment if enrolled~**NEW+1**
  - \*Previously there was ONLY an 11<sup>th</sup> grade Literacy EOC ~ the PBA is new
- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in Algebra I will take a PBA AND an EOY assessment **NEW+1**
- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in Geometry will take a PBA AND an EOY assessment **NEW+1**
- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in Algebra II will take a PBA AND an EOY assessment **NEW x’s 2**
- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in Biology will take and EOC



- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will take the ACT ~ NOT new
- In the 2014-2015 school year all students enrolled in an AP/IB class will take an assessment ~Paid for by the state ~ NOT NEW
- ALL ESL students K – 12 will take the (English Language Development Assessment ) ELDA exam
- TOTAL TESTS
  - 1 test for k-2
    - **No Change**
  - **2** tests for 3-7 (**3 if ESL**)
  - **2** tests for 8<sup>th</sup> (Benchmark and **4** if enrolled in Alg I, **5** if LEP)
  - **4** tests for 9<sup>th</sup> grade (Algebra I OR Geometry and the Literacy, **5** if LEP)
  - **7** tests for 10<sup>th</sup> grade (Geometry or Algebra II, Biology, ELA 10, PLAN, PSAT~optional) ~ Possible AP/IB tests are not included!
  - **5** tests for 11<sup>th</sup> grade (Algebra II, Literacy, PSAT ~ Optional, AP/IB tests)
    - **K – 2 (1or 2)**
    - **3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2 or 3 tests**
    - **8<sup>th</sup> up to 5 tests**
    - **9 – 12 = 14 mandatory, (15 if they are ESL) SEVERAL others if they are enrolled in AP/IB classes**
- There are 40+ states participating in CCSS but only 15 participating in PARCC
- The PARCC test is 29.95 per student, per test for the on-line version
- PARCC tests are designed to be given on-line. WE DON'T HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY

