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AR Teacher Resource

ADE Assessment/Curriculum/PD Updates



Preparing for the PARCC Assessment

PARCC ELA/Literacy and Math sample test items as well as ELA/Literacy rubrics are available on the PARCC [website](#).

PARCC ELA/Literacy and Math practice tests are available on the PARCC [website](#).

ADDITIONAL Practice Tests will be available soon for ELA and Math.

Grade 11 ELA/Literacy and Algebra II PARCC Assessments are optional but students must take one of the assessments mentioned in [Commissioner's Memo LS-15-027](#)

Upcoming PD

- Nov. 18-20 – Literacy Design Collaborative and Math Design Collaborative
- [Nov. 20 – Disciplinary Literacy: Big Shifts K-6 – Jennifer Altieri](#)
- [Nov. 20-21 AR Reading Association Literacy Conference](#)
- [Arkansas IDEAS](#) features many free PD options online



Websites of the Month

Math

[Harding University Math and Science Education STEM Center](#)

ELA/Literacy

PARCC HUB for valuable information

PARCC Pearson
<http://parcc.pearson.com/>

ELL

[BUSY Teacher for ESL](#)

Great resources on teacher-centered concepts, worksheets, seasonal idea for ESL students.



Teacher Tips

ELA

On the PARCC assessment, students will need to continuously refer back to the passage to find **evidence** for their answers. The **CLOSE** reading method is a good way for students to learn how to deepen their understanding of the text and confirm their answers.

Math

What's on the PARCC test? Find out! How much of the test is comprised of computation, word problems, and open-response? The **PARCC Blueprints** will explain three task types and how the test is constructed. Then create your own sample assessment that mirrors what your students will experience.

Science PD Survey

ADE is developing science professional development opportunities for elementary educators. If you are a teacher or administrator at an elementary school (any grade K-6), please click on this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Elementary_Safety to take a short survey. The purpose is to inform the design of the PD and the results are anonymous. The survey will be available through December 31, 2014.

Social Studies

[George Washington Teacher's Institute at Mount Vernon](#) will soon be taking applications for teachers who are interested in applying for a PD opportunity during the summer of 2015. Watch for updates.



ELL Resources for Teachers

[The Internet for ESL Teachers](#) link: [Internet TESL Journal Links Page](#): extensive, well organized set of links to scholarly and pedagogical resources.

[ESL Gold](#): materials, lesson plans, quizzes, online conversation partners, and links for teachers and students.

[Randall's ESL Cyber Listening Lab](#): audio and video for all English levels, including pre- and post-listening activities.

[Using English](#): large collection of language references, teacher resources, discussion forums, analysis tools, and links.

[The Internet for ESL Teachers](#): Claire Braden's collection of pedagogical articles. Follow the link to her homepage for more technical information.

Coming Soon.....

TEACHER RESOURCES

Web Page

**You will be able to find most
up-to-date resources for:**

Assessment

PARCC

Curriculum and Instruction

Math

English/Literacy

Special Education

New resources will be added daily/weekly!