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## **Arkansas Department of Education Releases 2014-15 Statewide PARCC Assessment Results**

**LITTLE ROCK** — The Arkansas Department of Education released the 2014-15 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) state percentages for grades 9 through 12.

In 2014-15 Arkansas students participated in the online PARCC assessments for math and English Language Arts (ELA). Arkansas students were required to participate in ELA at grades 9 and 10 and end-of-course assessments in Algebra 1 and geometry. The scores below are reflective of a change in the statewide assessment administered in the 2014-15 school year.

	<b>Total Students Tested</b>	<b>Percent at level 3 and above</b>	<b>Percent at level 4 and above</b>
<b>Algebra 1</b>	34,433	60%	28%
<b>Geometry</b>	32,611	57%	21%
<b>ELA Grade 9</b>	35,325	64%	36%
<b>ELA Grade 10</b>	33,529	60%	37%

Grade 11 ELA and Algebra 2, although not required by ADE, were offered, and 23,376 students participated in these assessments. ELA Grade 11 results showed 69 percent of students at level 3 and above and 39 percent of the Algebra 2 students scored at level 3 and above.

The State Board of Education approved the score ranges for each of the five reporting categories as established by the PARCC consortium. For Arkansas schools, students scoring at levels 3 and above are considered on track for college and career readiness. Students scoring at levels 1 and 2 will need interventions to move toward college and career readiness.

Arkansas Department of Education Commissioner Johnny Key said, “Across the state educators are working diligently to provide authentic learning experiences that reflect the rigor needed to be college and career ready, and I commend the hard work of these dedicated professionals. For Arkansas to succeed in educational attainment and economic development, all parents, students and communities must engage in conversations about college and career readiness. It is my hope that the results of these assessments will prompt such conversations throughout the state.”

Statewide scores, as well as cut score ranges approved by the State Board of Education, are available on the ADE website at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/student-assessment/test-scores/year?y=2015>.

District and student scores and reports are scheduled to be released for grades 9 through 12 in November. Scores for grades 3 through 8 are expected to be released at the November State Board of Education meeting.

For more information regarding the scores and what they mean, visit the Understand the Score website at <http://understandthescore.org>.

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