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Arkansas Department of Education Releases 2014-15 Statewide PARCC Results for Grades 3-8

LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Education today released the 2014-15 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) state percentages for grades 3 through 8.

Students took the PARCC assessments for math and English Language Arts during 2014-15 school year. Statewide scores for grades 9 through 12 were released October 8. The scores below reflect statewide results for grades 3 through 8.

English Language Arts			
Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 and Above	Percent at Level 4 and Above
3	34,871	54%	29%
4	34,946	64%	34%
5	35,051	63%	32%
6	34,850	66%	33%
7	35,433	63%	35%
8	35,344	60%	32%

Math

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 and Above	Percent at Level 4 and Above
3	34,931	62%	31%
4	34,987	55%	24%
5	35,103	54%	24%
6	34,874	58%	25%
7	35,247	58%	22%
8	28,980	44%	17%

The State Board of Education approved today the score ranges for the 1 through 5 reporting categories established by the PARCC consortium. The PARCC performance level descriptions are listed at http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/test_scores/PARCC/PARCC_Performance_Level_Descriptions.pdf.

“High academic expectations are essential to preparing students for college and careers,” ADE Commissioner Johnny Key said. “The PARCC exam was the first time students have been tested on these higher academic standards, and as anticipated, the results are lower than those of the Arkansas Benchmark Exam. While some may interpret this negatively, we believe it is an important part of the process of improving learning opportunities for students.”

Printed student reports for high school will be delivered to the districts during the next two months. A letter to parents from Commissioner Key will be distributed after this release. In addition, the ADE has developed a communication toolkit available at <http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/student-assessment/test-scores/year?y=2015>. The toolkit includes links to resources about understanding the test scores. Statewide scores for grades 3 through 12 are available at this link.

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