

PARCC Testing Environment Guide

PARCC Headphone/Ear buds Requirement.

With the exception of students in grade 8, students will require headphones for portions of the English Language Arts/Literacy PARCC Performance-Based Assessment (PBA). Additionally, students may use headphones during any portion of either the Performance-based Assessment (PBA) or End-of-Year (EOY) Assessment as a noise-buffer device or if they are entitled to any assessment presentation accommodation, such as text-to-speech, that provides auditory information. For reasons of sanitation, all students must bring their own set of headphones/ear buds to school on testing days. For emergencies, we will have a limited quantity of headphones available for students to use but otherwise students will need to bring their own. Any wired, mono or stereo headphone with a standard 3.5 mm connector type is acceptable. It is recommended that students be familiar with the use of their headphones prior to the testing time.

Please note that wireless or bluetooth connected headphones will not be permitted.

External Mousing Devices

Each of the Dell Chromebooks that students will be using to take the PARCC PBA and EOY Assessments are equipped with an integrated, touch-pad-type mousing device. If a student would prefer to use an external mousing device, they may bring their own wired mousing device with a USB input. **Please note that wireless or bluetooth connected mousing devices will not be permitted.**

Calculators

The testing interface that students will be using to take the PARCC PBA and EOY Assessments includes an integrated, on-screen calculator that is available to students during any calculator active portion. If a student would prefer to use an external calculator, they may bring in their own calculator. Additionally, we will have a limited quantity of calculators available for students to borrow. Please note that allowable calculators vary by the test the student is taking:

Grades 3, 4, and 5: No calculators are permitted (unless per individual accommodation)

Grades 6 and 7: Only four-function (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division) calculators with square root and percentage functions are allowable

Grade 8: Only Scientific calculators are allowable

Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry: Only graphing calculators, similar in functionality to a TI-84, are allowable

NOTE: Middle school students enrolled in Algebra 1, Algebra 2, or Geometry courses should refer to the calculator guidelines for those courses.

Please note that calculators may not:

- Possess Computer Algebra Systems (CAS)
- Be in the form of a cell phone, tablet computer, or other non-calculator electronic device
- Possess a QWERTY keyboard
- Be shared with another student in the testing session

Recreational Reading Materials

It is highly recommended that all students bring recreational reading materials for use when they are not testing. Please note that this reading material must be unrelated to the curriculum or instructional program and may not define, explain, or illustrate terminology or concepts or otherwise potentially provide unauthorized assistance during testing.

Items Prohibited in the Testing Environment

- All cellular phones (including camera phones and smartphones)
- Other non-test-related personal electronic equipment (e.g., iPods®, personal document scanners, eReaders/eBooks, electronic pens)
- Instructional aids related to the content being assessed
- Reference books
- Any resource (e.g., books, posters, models, displays, teaching aids) that defines, explains, or illustrates terminology or concepts or otherwise provides unauthorized assistance during testing
- Mathematical formulas and conversion tables other than the grade-specific, PARCC-provided Mathematics Reference Sheets
- Food and drink (unless per individual accommodation)