

Dear Warrior Parents/Guardians,

Beginning this spring, high schools across Illinois have administered new assessments created through the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). The PARCC assessments are online computer-based assessments focused on measuring student critical thinking and problem-solving skills in two major areas: English language arts (ELA) and math.

The PARCC assessments replace both the Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) in elementary schools and the Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) in high schools. For high school students, the PARCC assessments are designed for specific courses, not grade levels. At the high school level, districts have been given the flexibility by the state this year to choose one of the following three combinations:

(1) *ELA 1 and Algebra 1*
ELA 1 = English 9

(2) *ELA 2 and Geometry*
ELA 2 = English 10

(3) *ELA 3 and Algebra 2*
ELA 3 = English 11

This year, DuPage High School District 88 has chosen to administer the PARCC assessments to the following course groups: ***ELA 1 (English 9) and Algebra 1***. You are receiving this letter because your student is enrolled in one or more courses aligned to ELA 1 (English 9) and/or Algebra 1 course groupings.

The PARCC assessments in ELA and math are given in two components: Performance Based Assessment (PBA) and End of Year (EOY). Each PARCC component has multiple test units/sessions which are listed below with the approximate time to complete each unit/session. Schools are to administer the PBA assessment when approximately 75% of instruction has occurred in the course and the EOY when approximately 90% of instruction has occurred in the course.

Performance Based Assessment (PBA)

English Language Arts (ELA) 1

Unit 1 – Literary Analysis (75 min)

Unit 2 – Research Simulation (90 min)

Unit 3 – Narrative Writing (60 min)

Math - Algebra 1

Unit 1 (90 min)

Unit 2 (75 min)

End of Year (EOY)

English Language Arts (ELA) 1

Unit 1 (60 min)

Unit 2 (60 min)

Math - Algebra 1

Unit 1 (80 min)

Unit 2 (75 min)

We administered the PARCC - PBA assessments to all students enrolled in ELA 1 (English 9) and Algebra 1 courses in March and **we will also administer the PARCC - EOY assessments to all students enrolled in these courses the week of May 26.**

To find more information regarding PARCC testing in Illinois, please visit: <http://www.isbe.net/assessment/htmls/parcc-primer.htm> and click on *Documents for Parents*. If you have any questions specific to PARCC testing at Willowbrook, please contact the Main Office at 630-530-3443.

Thank you,



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