



# PARCC

## is Better for Students

PARCC is a modern test that is replacing the previous state standardized test for English and Math. It not only evaluates a student's progress, but also provides better information for teachers and parents to identify where a student needs help, or is excelling, so they are able to enhance instruction to meet individual student needs.

### Falling behind

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) reports from 2000 to 2012, the United States has fallen significantly in a worldwide education ranking in Mathematics and Reading.



#### Mathematics

2000  
**18<sup>th</sup>**

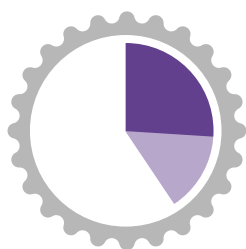
2012  
**26<sup>th</sup>**



#### Reading

2000  
**15<sup>th</sup>**

2012  
**17<sup>th</sup>**



Currently  
**28-40%**

of first-time undergraduates enroll in at least one remedial course. These students are highly unlikely to complete a degree or certificate on time and far too many will not complete a degree at all.

More than half of employers nationwide have an open job for which they cannot find qualified candidates.



**8 in 10**

have difficulty filling positions altogether.

### Getting back on track

Raising standards and measuring student's progress through quality assessment is key to solving the challenge of preparing our children for college and career success.

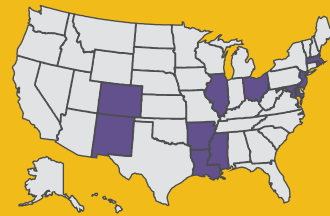


More than **2,000 educators** from the PARCC states have reviewed items and been involved in all of the steps of developing the assessment.



Each test question goes through **seven rounds of review** by educators and content experts.

**12 states** will administer PARCC tests in 2015, reaching **five million students**.



**Students will engage in the tests a few hours in early spring and a few hours in late spring.\***

**PARCC tests not only evaluate a student's progress, but show teachers and parents where a student needs extra help or is excelling.** The time spent on tests is much less than students spend on other school-related activities each year that don't advance their learning.

Average time on the school bus:



**147**  
hours/year

Average time transitioning from class to class:



**90**  
hours/year

Average time waiting in the lunch line:



**39**  
hours/year

\* The estimated time most students will take to complete the PARCC assessment is **6½ hours** in grade 3 to **7½ hours** in grade 11. Students who need more time will be allowed as much as 9¾ hours in grade 3 to 11½ hours in grade 11. Note: The total allotted time for the assessments is less than 1% of instructional time in most districts.

**Say goodbye to teaching to the test!**



When students **succeed in the classroom**, they are **more likely to succeed in life** and positively contribute to the communities where they live and learn.