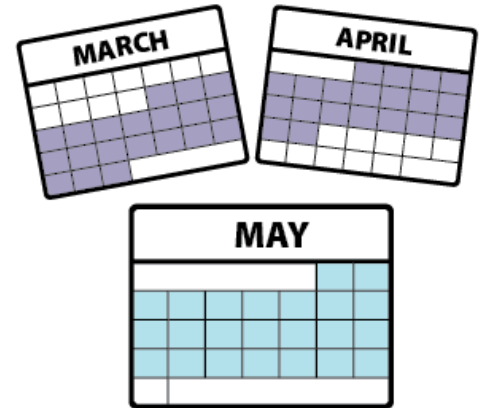


Consolidates Testing Into One Window

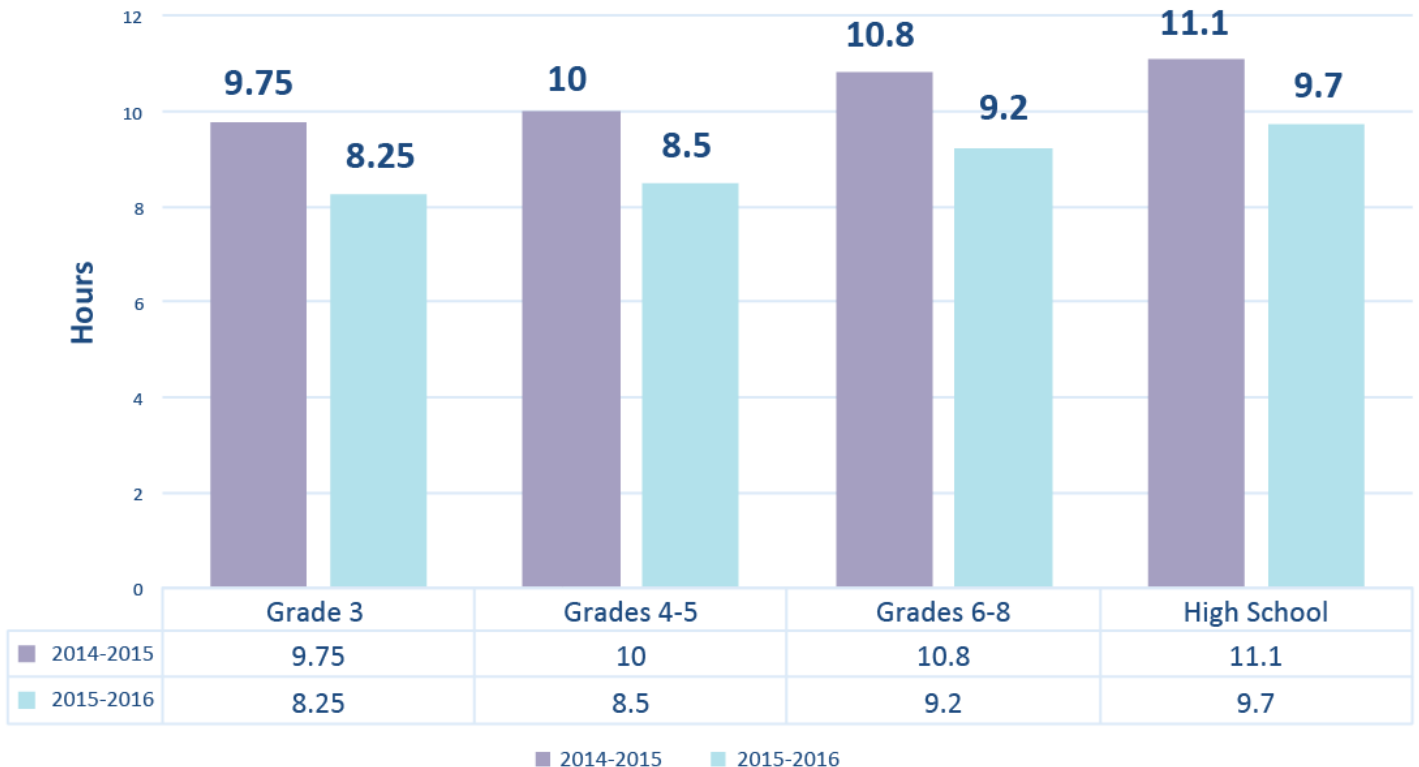
The PARCC assessments are changing! In 2015-16, the assessment will be given during one window. States and schools will have up to 30 school days in which to test, but most can/will complete all testing in a week to two weeks, depending on their schedule and availability of laptops/devices.

The new single window will end at the 90% mark of the school year. Gone are the separate early spring performance-based (PBA) and late spring end-of-year (EOY) windows.



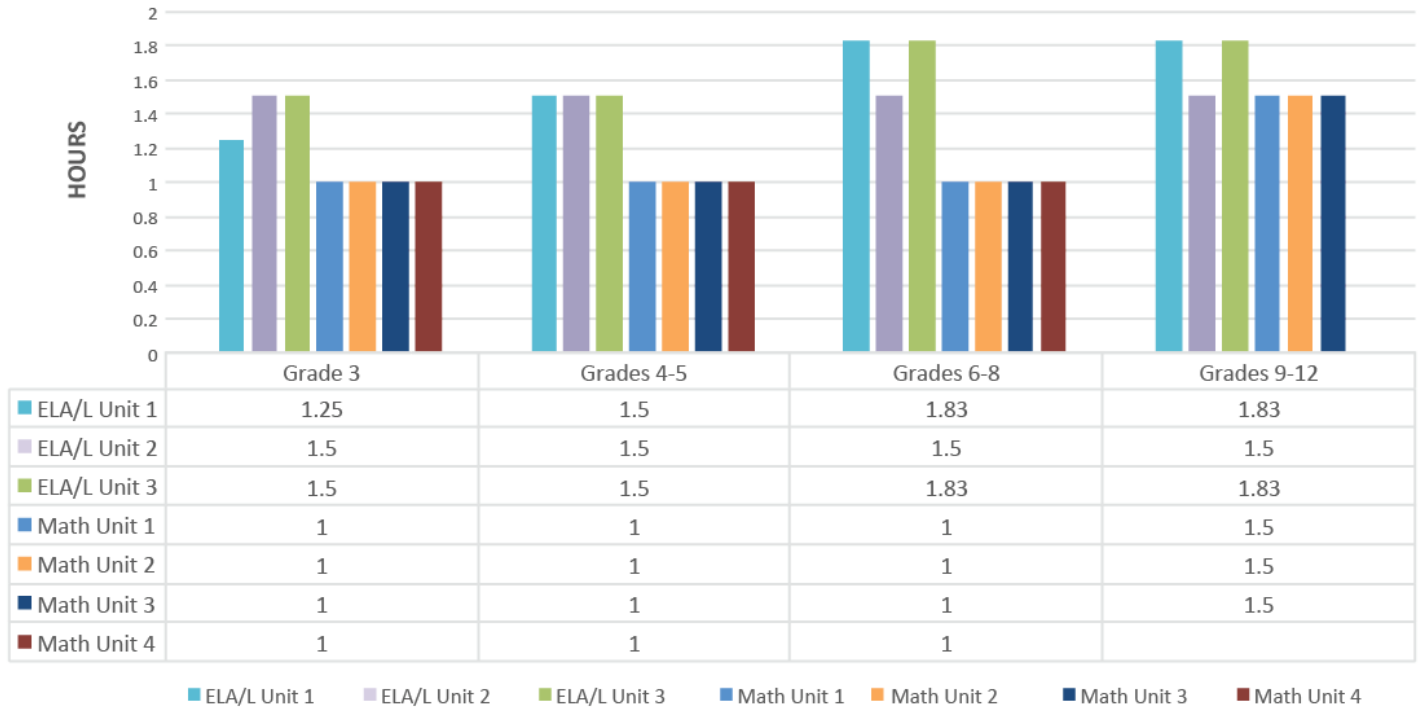
Cuts Testing Time by Approximately 90 minutes in All Grades

Total Testing Time: 2014-15 v. 2015-16



Uniformity of Testing Units

More Uniform Test Unit Times



Reduces the Number of Test Units

With the changes, students in all grades will participate in 2 or 3 fewer test units.

Each PARCC assessment, e.g., grade 4 math, is administered in multiple sections called units. The redesigned ELA/L tests are composed of 3 units. The proposed math tests are composed of 3 or 4 units. States are still determining the final mathematics unit configuration.

	2015-2015			2015-2016		
Grades	ELA	Math	Total	ELA	Math	Total
3	4	4	8	3	3 or 4	6 or 7
4-5	4	4	8	3	3 or 4	6 or 7
6-8	5	4	9	3	3 or 4	6 or 7
High School	5	4	9	3	3	6

Preserves Performance Tasks

The test design changes do not result in the loss of any performance tasks in English language arts/literacy or mathematics with the exception of Algebra II and Integrated Math III at the high school level.

Eliminates Standalone Field Testing

As with all similar testing, field test items – items that could be used in future years – are embedded in each student’s test. Because the performance tasks in English language arts/literacy are longer, a sampling of students had to take a standalone field test unit in spring 2015. To further streamline the process for all schools, the PARCC field test will now be wrapped into the testing window.

Each year, a small percentage of students will take an additional ELA unit. Schools/classrooms selected in one year – per the process determined in their state – will in almost all cases not have to field test again for several years.