What is PARCC?
PARCC is New Mexico’s end-of-year math and English language arts assessment for all students in Grades 3-11. This is the second year students in New Mexico will be taking the PARCC assessment.

What’s different this year?
In its first year, the PARCC assessment took less time than previous statewide assessments. Based on feedback from families and educators, this year’s PARCC test is even shorter at an average of 90 minutes less per grade level.

How does PARCC line up with what my child learns in the classroom?
PARCC matches the content and skills students are learning in their classrooms every day, and it provides teachers and schools with accurate information about how well students are meeting the expectations for their grade level. PARCC is intended to be one of several measures to help measure your child’s progress in school.

What types of questions are on the test?
PARCC measures real-world skills like problem-solving, critical thinking, and reasoning. Students will answer open-ended questions and are asked to explain their answers, show their work, and compose well-organized essays. Questions and content on the PARCC test were designed with input and feedback from New Mexico teachers.

How can the results be used to help my child?
PARCC results identify where your child is doing well or where they may need more support. PARCC can be used along with grades and other academic measures to address any weaknesses early on so your child can receive the support they need to get back on track. Teachers can also use results to improve their instruction or tailor their teaching to students’ individual needs.

When will results be released?
Families can expect detailed student score reports to arrive at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. PARCC results can be used along with grades and other measures to start a conversation at the beginning of the school year about the specific educational needs of your child.

How can I help my child prepare for the test?
You can access a PARCC practice test online at http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/. For more details about the PARCC test including skill-building tools, visit http://bealearninghero.org/classroom/parcc.

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