Students will take tests throughout their education, including an annual state assessment to measure how well they are meeting the expectations and learning the skills and content for each grade level. Here are some resources to help you support your child and some simple things you can do at home to help your child feel prepared and ready for PARCC.

- **FIND OUT THE FACTS** - Students in New Mexico will take PARCC between April 4 and May 13. The test will be broken into three or four units in both math and English language arts. Talk to your child’s school or teacher to get the exact times your child is scheduled to be testing. All students should have ample time to complete each section of the test. Additional time is always allowed for students with special circumstances. For more information about the PARCC test, visit [http://bealearninghero.org/classroom/parcc](http://bealearninghero.org/classroom/parcc) and talk to your child’s teachers.

- **TAKE A LOOK AT THE PRACTICE TEST** - This will help you better understand how the test matches classroom work and see the different types of reading, math and writing questions your child will be answering. You may want to walk through the test with your child to help familiarize them with the test format. To see a practice test, visit [http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/](http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/). You can also review questions from last year’s PARCC test at [https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items](https://prc.parcconline.org/assessments/parcc-released-items).

- **KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE LEARNING IN ENGLISH AND MATH** - To find out the learning expectations of your child’s grade level in both subjects, take a look at the New Mexico state standards for your child’s grade level at [http://ped.state.nm.us/](http://ped.state.nm.us/). Also, see the PTA Parents’ Guide to Success at [http://www.pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2909&navItemNumber=4065](http://www.pta.org/content.cfm?ItemNumber=2909&navItemNumber=4065). This gives descriptions of the skills and knowledge your child is expected to gain every year. You can also see samples of what your child’s writing should look like in every grade at [http://raisethebarparents.org](http://raisethebarparents.org).

- **USE YOUR CHILD’S TEST RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE HE OR SHE MIGHT NEED ADDITIONAL SUPPORT** - Talk with your child’s teachers to see what types of additional activities you can do at home. Find activities that match your child’s performance in both subjects by using the “Be a Learning Hero Skill Builder” at [http://bealearninghero.org/skill-builder](http://bealearninghero.org/skill-builder).

- **PRACTICE AND REVIEW CLASSWORK** - Homework is a great way to reinforce the skills and content your child learns every day in the classroom. In addition to the PARCC test, homework is another measure you can use to see how well your child is progressing throughout the year. For sample problems and questions, along with solutions and answers, visit [http://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/](http://www.greatschools.org/gk/common-core-test-guide/).

- **CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT FOR SUCCESS** – Students are shown to perform better and be more focused when they’ve had at least 8 hours of sleep and a nutritious meal to start the day. Get the exact testing dates from your school to ensure your child makes it to bed early and has a chance to eat before taking the assessment.

For more information, visit [www.NMPARCC.com](http://www.NMPARCC.com)