Preparing All Children for Success
The Role of Academic Standards & Tests in Their Success
Agenda

- Preparing our children for success
- Common Core & Assessments
- Improving Opportunities, Together
- Resources
Latino Students are Going to College at Higher Rates

The number of Latinos enrolled in college tripled between 1993 and 2012.

Source: Pew Research Center, 2014
Finding that They are not Prepared When They Get

Just getting into college isn’t enough

Latino students done in 4 yrs 30%
White students done in 4 yrs 43%

Less than 1/3 of first-time, full-time Latino college students earn a degree in four years.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, 2015
Common Core State Standards & Assessments
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The Common Core

- Consistent, academic guidelines in math and English
- [State] adopted them in 20[XX]
- More than 40 states have adopted them
- Applies to public, charter and magnet schools
The Common Core: Why Have Them?

- All students held to same high standards
- Students who meet the standards will not need remedial course work after high school graduation.
- Right now = 1/3 need it in college
- Compare student progress across states
- Better assessments to measure what students know
New Tests

Apply knowledge and skills:
- Communications
- Teamwork
- Critical thinking
- Analytical writing
- Problem solving
**New Test Questions**

**Grade 3 ELA: Old Question**
NY State Test, 2008

Which sentence tells something that could not really happen?

A. Somebody fishes in a lake.
B. Somebody hooks a tin can.
C. Somebody goes to a grocery store.
D. Somebody eats a sneaker for dinner.

Simple multiple choice question. Students do not need to understand passage to answer correctly.

**Grade 3 Math: New Question**
EngageNY Common Core Test 2014

How does David feel when he sees the mountain for the first time? Use two details from the story to support your response.

This two-step question requires students to comprehend the passage, and then compose a response that uses the story to support their answer.
Improving Opportunities for Our Children, Together
Standards & Assessments are Not Enough

- Challenging curriculum and effective instruction
- Support, resources and time for teachers
- Ensuring that schools meet the needs of all students who come from a lot of different backgrounds and skillsets
- Effective family and community engagement strategies
Information that Empowers

MATHEMATICS
This report provides information about how your child performed on the PARCC mathematics assessment. It shows whether your child met grade-level expectations and if your child is on track for college and careers.

This test is just one measure of how well your child is performing academically. Other information, such as grades, teacher feedback and scores on other tests, will help determine your child’s academic strengths and needs.

To learn more about the test, and to view sample questions and practice tests, visit understandthescore.org.

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Students performing at levels 4 and 5 met or exceeded expectations. For a description of each performance level, see page 2.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD’S MATHEMATICS SCORE

MAJOR CONTENT
In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving problems involving rational exponents, writing and interpreting algebraic expressions, rational and radical equations, graphs of functions, solving linear and quadratic equations, and probability.

ADDITIONAL & SUPPORTING CONTENT
In this area, your child did almost as well as students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving problems involving the complex number system, rational expressions and functions, systems of equations, exponential functions, interpreting data, and probability.

EXPRESSING MATHEMATICAL REASONING
In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by creating and justifying logical mathematical solutions and analyzing and correcting the reasoning of others.

MODELING & APPLICATION
In this area, your child did as well as or better than students who met the expectations.

Students meet expectations by solving real-world problems, representing and solving problems with symbols, reasoning quantitatively and strategically using appropriate tools.

Legend:
- Below Expectations
- Near the Mark
- Meets Expectations
- Exceeds Expectations

For a list of the major and additional content at each grade level, see parccscorecard.org.

To see selected questions from the test, visit understandthescore.org.
What Can Parents Do to Help their Children be Prepared?

- Learn about the standards & assessments
- Partner with child’s teacher to support his/her success
- Talk to your child about the standards—they are to help them be college and career ready
- Actively support language development at Home
Take Action!

- Tell us about what’s working and not
- Work together to ensure that our schools are serving all of our students
CLAVE AL ÉXITO

Guía Educativa Para Padres

Con esta guía podrás involucrarte en la educación de tu hijo desde pre kinder hasta doceavo grado. Podrás seguir su progreso, comunicarte con sus maestros y prepararlo para la universidad.

Regístrate | Iniciar sesión

Haz Clic para Compartir:
Skill Builder

Looking for ways to use your children’s Smarter Balanced test scores to support them at home? Search by grade, subject, and scoring category to find resources tailored to the areas where your child needs support. These resources have been identified as helpful to kids and mapped to standards by Raise the Bar, an initiative of America Achieves.
COMMON CORE

What is the Common Core?

The Common Core State Standards establish clear and consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in English and math. These state-led standards ensure that all students are prepared for success after graduation regardless of their background.