

State guidance for ELL students taking PARCC

First Year in School in US

- Language exemption in reading
- Language proficiency test (W-APT) and ACCESS for ELLs assessment substitutes for participation in reading
- Must take PARCC math and other subjects (SBA Science)
- (Scores do not count for school grade)

Less than 3 Full Years in School in US

- Students may take assessments in native language (with or without accommodations)
- Spanish Language Arts and PARCC math in Spanish

Fourth and Fifth Years in US

- Students participate in English language versions of assessments (with or without accommodations)
- Waiver allows students to continue to test in native language for 2 additional years
- Waiver is only good for 1 year and must be resubmitted for a maximum of 2 submissions per student
- Waiver must be submitted to PED by specific dates

Accommodations for ELLS

- Read aloud in English
- Picture Dictionary
- Spanish Language Version
- Customized dual language glossary
- Commercial word to word dictionary
- Pocket word to word dictionary
- Pocket word to word translator
- Read aloud test directions in Spanish
- Read aloud test items in Spanish
- PED Approved accommodations

If the student scored a 5 or higher on the W-APT or the ACCESS for English Language Learners he/she must take the PARCC in English.