



**Are You Interested in Learning More about the Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards and PARCC Assessment?**

If so, the Maryland State Department of Education has a wealth of resources for parents regarding the Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards (formerly Maryland Common Core Standards) and PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) assessment. Resources include:

**MCCRS**

* The MSDE Website: [www.marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org)
  + Click on *Maryland College & Career Readiness Standards under “Popular Searches”*
* [www.mdk12.org](http://www.mdk12.org)
  + Click on *Teaching & Learning* or *MCCR Frameworks*
* The PARCC Website: [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org)
  + Click on *Parent Resources*
    - *The Common Core State Standards*
* The Maryland PTA: [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org)
  + Click on *Parent & Family Involvement*
    - Article: “What Parents Need to Know about the Common Core State Curriculum”
    - Article: “Maryland’s New Common Core State Standards

**PARCC**

* The MSDE Website: [www.marylandpublicschools.org](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org)
  + Click on the PARCC Icon
  + MSDE Parent Webinars
    - A parent webinar series is beginning January 20, 2015. All webinars will be held live, recorded and posted.
    - Webinar topics include:
      * PARCC Assessments: Structure & Thinking Skills (Learn about the design of the PARCC assessments, explore available resources, and uncover the thinking skills measured on the assessments.)
      * Social Studies and Disciplinary Literacy (2 coming)
      * Instructional Technology Parent Resources on Blackboard
      * Instructional Technology Student Online Resources
      * Mathematics: Understanding the PARCC Timeline & Resources for Parents
* [www.mdk12.org](http://www.mdk12.org)
  + Click on PARCC
* The PARCC Website: [www.parcconline.org](http://www.parcconline.org)
  + Click on *Parent Resources*
    - Frequently Asked Questions
    - PARCC Fact Sheet
    - PARCC Overview
    - *A Parent’s Guide*
    - Sample Test Items
    - PARCC Accessibility Features and Accommodations Manual (For English Language Learners and Students with Disabilities)
* The Maryland PTA: [www.mdpta.org](http://www.mdpta.org)
  + Click on *Parent & Family Involvement*
    - Article: “The Road Ahead: The PARCC Assessments”
* Click on *The Top 10 Things Parents Need to Know about Testing in Maryland*