

PARCC SY16: ISBE Student Refusal Policy

Principal Communication



Specific information shared in these slides were pulled from the February 22nd email from the CPS Department of Communications with attachments from the office of Chief Education Officer, Janice K. Jackson.

These documents are currently posted to the [PARCC Principal/School Leader page](#) on Knowledge Center. Please click the document links below to access them directly.

- [PARCC Principal Letter](#)
- [PARCC Facts](#)

Policy Requirements



Participation Requirements:

- ISBE required that all districts and schools test at least 95% of eligible students to ensure that test results for individual schools or the district are representative.
- Additionally, ISBE **does not recognize** a parent's right to **opt a child out** of required State student assessments.

Repercussions:

- Failure to meet the 95% threshold may put schools at CPS **at risk for financial sanctions and/or other punitive actions by ISBE.**
- U.S. DoE reiterated states are expected to enforce the participation requirement by exercising their ability to withhold, or place conditions on, Title I funding and/or taking other actions against districts or schools that do not meet the 95% participation threshold.

Required Steps



To meet these requirements all student should be provided the opportunity to participate in **each unit** of the test.

Per ISBE's SY2014-15 guidance, this means that:

- Students must be presented a testing ticket (online testers) or a test booklet (paper testers) for **each unit** of the tested subject.
- Students who refuse to participate may:
 - be provided a silent, self-guided activity in the classroom (in a content area other than what is being assessed).
 - be removed to another supervised location to engage in quiet self-directed activities.
- Schools must provide a Not Tested Reason (NTR) for any student who refuses to participate in **ALL units of a subject**. Further info on this process to come.

Resources



Principals, teachers, staff and school parents may have additional questions about PARCC. We recommend **holding a parent meeting in advance of testing to clear up misconceptions**. Next steps to prepare for those conversations include:

- Visiting the [CPS PARCC site](#): For info on PARCC test content, score reports and parent resources.
- Accessing the [Understanding PARCC for Parents](#) slides: Posted to the PARCC Principal/School Leader CPS KC page, this resource can help explain PARCC and its connection to Common Core.
- Visiting the [CPS Knowledge Center PARCC pages](#): Up to date PARCC info specific by PARCC role including PD slides, policy guidelines, timelines and critical Test Coordinator resources.
- Sharing with parents the [Great Kids PARCC Score Report Guide](#): Parent friendly guidance on PARCC score reports and next steps parents can take to support their children.