

## PARCC RELEASES ACCOMODATIONS MANUAL DRAFT

The Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) today released for public comment a draft of the full accommodations manual for the assessments. You can access the draft manual at (<http://www.parconline.org/parcc-draft-accommodations-manual>).

From April 18 through May 13, 2013, the draft *PARCC Accommodations Manual* and a feedback survey will be posted on the PARCC website for the public to provide feedback, along with a set of Frequently Asked Questions. PARCC states that the draft *PARCC Accommodations Manual* is a “comprehensive policy document that will support local educators in the selection, administration and evaluation of accommodations for the assessment of students with disabilities and English learners on the PARCC End-of-Year, Performance-Based and optional Mid-Year assessment components”.

The draft Manual details a three-tiered process to providing access to the assessments for all students:

**Embedded Supports:** Tools embedded in the computer-delivered system available to all students to use (e.g. font magnification, highlighting tool, bolding, underlining);

**Accessibility Features:** Tools embedded in the computer-delivered system open to all students to use, but must be made available at the discretion of school-based educators (e.g. background/font color, answer masking); and

**Accommodations:** Supports for SWD and ELs that increase access while maintaining a valid and reliable score (e.g. braille form, extended time, small group testing, word-to-word native language dictionary)

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