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The district- and school-level results will be made publicly available on the 2015 Report Card at www.illinoisreportcard.com on Dec. 11.

PARCC results will be represented on the Report Card separately from the previous Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) data. The 2015 PARCC scores provide a brand new baseline for measuring student progress moving forward. As such, the PARCC exam results cannot be compared to ISAT and PSAE scores.

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Under the ISAT and PSAE, results were reported as having met or exceeded expectations. There are now five PARCC performance levels, which range from 1 to 5. Students falling within level 4 or 5 have demonstrated that they have a thorough understanding of grade-level content and are on the right track to being ready for college-level coursework. Students receiving a 3 are approaching expectations, but may need additional assistance mastering content. Students receiving a 1 or 2 need more assistance in mastering the content and are in need of greater supports.

Additional resources about how to interpret and understand the new PARCC results are available at:

ISBE PARCC score toolkit - www.isbe.net/hot-topics.htm?col2=open#toolkit

Sample individual score reports - www.isbe.net/assessment/pdfs/parcc/2015/score-reports/sample-rpts-math-ela-sy15.pdf.

PARCC score results page - www.parcconline.org/assessments/score-results

Understand the Score - <http://understandthescore.org/your-state/illinois/>

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