

Questions from September 9, 2015 SAC Training

Will cut scores 'match' between states using PARCC?

The cut scores that determine 5 different performance levels on the PARCC tests at each grade level will be the same across the states participating in the consortium. Here is a link to information about the performance levels: <http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/test-design/performance-levels> Here is a link to more information about the process by which cut scores have been set this fall: <http://www.parcconline.org/news-and-updates/325-setting-cut-scores>. The final cut scores for each performance level by grade level and over-all results by grade-level have not been released.

How will growth scores be determined when students have only taken PARCC ELA/Math once? Will they develop a method to compare to TCAP?

The Colorado Growth Model can calculate growth percentiles between two different assessments, in this case TCAP to PARCC, which are called transitional growth percentiles. However, CDE, districts and national measurement experts will need to determine if the transitional growth percentile calculations between TCAP and PARCC are appropriate for use. See this fact sheet from CDE for more information: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/accountability/coloradogrowthmodelduringtheassessmenttransition>.