

Investigating the Concordance Relationship between the MSA and PARCC Scores Using Propensity Score Matching and Extrapolation Methods

Executive Summary

The purpose of this study is to obtain the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores. More specifically, the MSA Math cut scores for being proficient and advanced need to be mapped onto the PARCC Math scales, and the MSA Reading cut scores for being proficient and advanced need to be mapped onto the PARCC ELA scales at each grade level from grades 3 to 8. To map the MSA cut scores to the PARCC scales, the MARC team conducted a linking study to investigate the concordance relationship between the PARCC and MSA tests for both math and English/reading at each grade level.

The MARC team explored the following two options to create the concordance tables.

1. Option I: Using the propensity score matching (PSM) method to form matched equivalent groups based on covariates of gender, race, limited English proficiency (LEP), Title I, FARMS and the prior year's MSA score. Subsequently, the equipercentile linking method based on equivalent groups was used to map the MSA cut scores onto the PARCC scales directly. As grade 2 students did not participate in either test, no MSA scores from previous grade were available to be used as a covariate to match the 3rd graders who took MSA in 2014 and the 3rd graders who took PARCC in 2015. Therefore, the PSM between grade 3 tests was conducted based on the five demographic covariates (i.e. gender, race, LEP, Title I and FARMS).
2. Option II: Using data on the percentages of test takers being classified into different performance levels (i.e. basic, proficient and advanced) for MSA math and reading tests from 2004 test administration to 2012 test administration at each grade, extrapolation was conducted to predict the trend for 2015 tests. The projected percentages were mapped onto to the 2015 PARCC scale respectively for each grade in each content area. Essentially, this is to use the impact data to predict the cut points on the PARCC scale. As there is an abnormal downward trend for the percentages of test takers achieving proficient or above in MSA tests starting from 2013 due to the introduction of the common core standards and the PARCC field tests, the percentages for different performance levels were extrapolated for 2013, 2014, and 2015 test administrations.

Major Findings

The major findings of this study are summarized as follows.

1. The PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for each test in each content area are summarized in the full report. Generally speaking, the PARCC equivalents of MSA cut scores yielded from Option I were higher than those produced by Option II. In Option I, we used data from MSA 2013 and 2014 test administrations to build equivalent groups

between the 2015 PARCC test takers and the 2014 MSA test takers for all tests. As students' performance in the 2014 MSA tests has been impacted by the introduction of the common core standards, new curricula, and the PARCC field tests, the mapped 2015 PARCC cut scores were higher than the mapped PARCC cut scores in Option II where the data from MSA 2004 to 2012 test administrations were used to extrapolate the trend.

2. Given the impact data from Option II followed the historical trend better, we recommend using the PARCC cut scores obtained from Option II. That is, a PARCC scale score of 700 is recommended as an equivalent for the MSA cut score for being basic vs. proficient for grade 3 to grade 8 MATH and ELA tests; and a PARCC scale score of 750 is recommended as an equivalent of the MSA cut score of being proficient vs. advanced for both MATH and ELA tests for all grades.
3. However, if higher performance standards are expected for Maryland students, the cut scores from Option I could be modified to be in better alignment with the PARCC performance level cut scores. That is, a PARCC scale score of 725 is recommended as an equivalent for the MSA cut score for being basic vs. proficient for grade 3 to grade 8 MATH and ELA tests; and a PARCC scale score of 750 is recommended as an equivalent of the MSA cut score of being proficient vs. advanced for both MATH and ELA tests for all grades.
4. The final adoption of cut scores obtained in this study should depend on considerations from psychometric, policy, and practical perspectives.

Option I

Using Equivalent Groups Based on Propensity Score Matching to Link MSA and PARCC Tests

Data Description

To link MSA and PARCC tests, data used in this analysis include, 1) data from grades 3 to 8 PARCC ELA tests and Math tests in 2015 test administrations, and 2) data from grades 3 to 8 MSA Reading and Math tests in 2013 and 2014 test administrations.

Prior to data analysis, data cleaning was conducted for PARCC tests and MSA tests, respectively. For the PARCC tests, cases with missing values on state ID (i.e. *Statewide identifier*), scale score (i.e. *Summative Scale Score*), test code (i.e. *Test Code*) and the covariates (i.e. *Gender, Race Code, LEP, Title I, FARMS*) were removed from the datasets for propensity score matching (PSM; Rosenbaum & Rubin, 1983). In addition, cases for students who were considered as non-participants for performance and accountability proficiency reporting were excluded from the PARCC dataset using variables *LEP Exempt* and *Accountability Participation Flag*. Table 1.1 presents the summary statistics for the twelve PARCC tests after data cleaning.

Table 1.1
Summary Statistics for 2015 PARCC Tests

Test	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
MAT03	65606	736.78	34.69	650	850
MAT04	64297	733.52	31.40	650	850
MAT05	63837	733.20	30.90	650	850
MAT06	62201	732.26	30.04	650	850
MAT07	55018	728.10	26.18	650	850
MAT08	41171	723.26	38.30	650	850
ELA03	65099	736.96	41.35	650	850
ELA04	63799	740.34	34.35	650	850
ELA05	63339	739.98	32.50	650	850
ELA06	62063	737.58	30.67	650	850
ELA07	61208	737.12	36.87	650	850
ELA08	59342	738.29	38.31	650	850

To clean the 2014 MSA data, cases with missing values on state ID (i.e. *STATEWIDE IDENTIFIER*), scale score (i.e. *MATH_SS* or *RD_SS*), content indicator (i.e. *CONTENT_FLAG*) and the PSM covariates (i.e. *GENDER, NEW RACE DESIGNATION, LEP, TITLE I, FARMS*) were deleted. Further, students who did not take these tests and who were considered as non-participants for performance and accountability proficiency reporting were excluded from the 2014 MSA data using variables *EXCUSED, MSDE_DUP_FLAG, LEP_RDG_EXAMPT/LEP_MATH_EXEMPT, TEST_SECURITY_INVALID_FLAG, MEDICAL_EMERGENCY_FLAG* and *PARTICIPATION_FLAG*. In MSA data, a small number of students (e.g. 1 out of 53520 in 2014 grade 6 MSA Math test) have multiple score entries on the same test administration with different scale scores. These cases were removed from further

analysis. Moreover, only the students who took regular MSA tests (i.e. non-modified tests) were selected for the linking study. Table 1.2 provides the summary statistics for the twelve MSA tests in the 2014 test administration.

Table 1.2
Summary Statistics for 2014 MSA Tests

Test	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Math 3	54401	405.25	40.24	240	650
Math 4	53921	412.98	43.02	240	650
Math 5	62866	418.16	39.57	240	650
Math 6	53520	416.81	36.96	240	650
Math 7	51655	414.43	40.98	240	599
Math 8	60589	420.40	37.90	240	650
Reading 3	54404	417.71	38.93	240	614
Reading 4	53934	414.60	41.37	240	634
Reading 5	62872	427.23	37.55	240	650
Reading 6	53530	415.97	36.14	240	650
Reading 7	51664	420.10	43.12	240	650
Reading 8	60603	417.32	35.76	240	650

Analysis

Given the available data, it is impossible to perform the common person or common item linking design to obtain the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores. This is due to the fact that there are no common students who took the 2015 PARCC and 2014 MSA tests at each grade. For example, the 8th graders who took PARCC MAT08 in 2015 and the 8th graders who took MSA Math 8 in 2014 are different groups of students. In addition, there are no common items between PARCC and MSA tests for the same grade and content.

Propensity score matching is a method utilized to obtain equivalent groups of students taking the PARCC and MSA tests for the same grade and content based on matching variables. The equivalent groups at each grade level formed using PSM are based on covariates including MSA test scores in the same content area from the previous year and five demographic variables i.e. gender, race, LEP, Title I, and FARMS. Note when 2014 MSA test scores and 2013 MSA scores used as covariates in PSM, only cases with missing values on state ID (i.e. *STATEWIDE IDENTIFIER*), scale score (i.e. *MATH_SS* or *RD_SS*), content indicator (i.e. *CONTENT_FLAG*) were excluded. The matching design of the study is summarized in Table 1.3. As there are no MSA tests for grade 2, no previous test scores can be used as a covariate to match grade 3 PARCC tests in 2015 with grade 3 MSA tests in 2014. Therefore, only the five demographic covariates were used to match 2015 PARCC and 2014 MSA grade 3 tests.

Table 1.3
Option I PSM Design

Grade	Matched Group	Math		Reading/ELA	
		Test	MSA Test Score Covariate	Test	MSA Test Score Covariate
3	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT03	N/A	2015 PARCC ELA03	N/A
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 3	N/A	2014 MSA Read 3	N/A
4	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT04	2014 MSA Math 3	2015 PARCC ELA04	2014 MSA Read 3
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 4	2013 MSA Math 3	2014 MSA Read 4	2013 MSA Read 3
5	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT05	2014 MSA Math 4	2015 PARCC ELA05	2014 MSA Read 4
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 5	2013 MSA Math 4	2014 MSA Read 5	2013 MSA Read 4
6	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT06	2014 MSA Math 5	2015 PARCC ELA06	2014 MSA Read 5
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 6	2013 MSA Math 5	2014 MSA Read 6	2013 MSA Read 5
7	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT07	2014 MSA Math 6	2015 PARCC ELA07	2014 MSA Read 6
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 7	2013 MSA Math 6	2014 MSA Read 7	2013 MSA Read 6
8	Group 1	2015 PARCC MAT08	2014 MSA Math 7	2015 PARCC ELA08	2014 MSA Read 7
	Group 2	2014 MSA Math 8	2013 MSA Math 7	2014 MSA Read 8	2013 MSA Read 7

Based on the design, the 2015 PARCC test scores and demographic covariates were merged with the corresponding 2014 MSA test scores, and the 2014 test scores and demographic covariates were merged with the corresponding 2013 MSA test scores by state issued ID (*Statewide Identifier*) for grades 4 to 8 tests. Due to the absence of prior year MSA scores for grade 3, the 2015 PARCC dataset and 2014 MSA dataset without previous year's MSA test scores were used in PSM. Table 1.4 and Table 1.5 present the descriptive statistics for the merged datasets.

Table 1.4

Summary Statistics for 2015 PARCC Tests and 2014 MSA Tests with Covariates Merged-Math

Grade	Test	Sample Size	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.
3	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT03	65606	736.78	34.69	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 3	54401	405.25	40.24	240	650
4	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT04 & 2014 MSA Math 3	51414	734.31	31.50	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 4 & 2013 MSA Math 3	51302	413.47	42.99	240	650
5	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT05 & 2014 MSA Math 4	51057	733.83	30.78	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 5 & 2013 MSA Math 4	59976	418.77	39.59	240	650
6	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT06 & 2014 MSA Math 5	58006	733.05	29.70	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 6 & 2013 MSA Math 5	50789	417.44	37.00	240	650
7	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT07 & 2014 MSA Math 6	43982	729.57	25.75	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 7 & 2013 MSA Math 6	49035	415.35	40.85	240	599
8	Group 1: 2015 PARCC MAT08 & 2014 MSA Math 7	32277	725.78	38.74	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Math 8 & 2013 MSA Math 7	57676	421.26	37.80	240	650

The merged datasets with six covariates for both PARCC and MSA tests were utilized for PSM (five covariates for grade 3 tests). As stated above, the five demographic covariates are Gender, Race, LEP, Farms and Title I. Gender, Race, LEP, Farms and Title I are variables from the 2015 PARCC test dataset in Group 1 and the 2014 MSA test dataset in Group 2 for both MAT/Math tests and ELA/Reading tests. For the Gender variable, males were coded as 1 and females as 0. For the Race variable, White was coded as 1 and all others as 0. LEP was coded as 1 for students with limited English proficiency and 0 for others. The Farms variable was coded as 1 for students with free and reduced priced meals and 0 for students without. The Title I variable was coded as 1 for students who belong to this category and 0 for students who do not belong to this category. The prior year's MSA scale scores were used as a covariate directly with no recoding.

R studio was used for propensity score matching. The package "MatchIt" developed by Ho, Imai, K. and Imai, M. (2013) was used to match cases in the control group to those in the treatment group. Usually the group with a smaller sample size is treated as the treatment group, and this was the case with the current study. Before the full-scale analysis, a pilot analysis was conducted to match the PARCC grade 8 math test with the MSA grade 8 math test. To match students who took PARCC grade 8 math test in 2015 and students who took MSA grade 8 math test in 2014, this study explored four conditions by using different caliper widths and matching

with or without replacement. Caliper, which is the maximum difference between the matched cases, was set at two levels: 0.1 and 0.25. Replacement was set at two levels: with and without replacement. Replacement means that the cases in the control group can be matched to multiple treatment units. After exploring the four conditions, we found no significant difference for the mapped PARCC equivalents of MSA cut scores. Therefore, the default option in MatchIt, i.e. one to one nearest neighbor without replacement matching with a caliper of 0.25, was used to in the full-scale analyses to match other pairs of tests.

Table 1.5
Summary Statistics for 2015 PARCC Tests and 2014 MSA Tests with Covariates Merged-English/Reading

Grade	Test	Sample Size	Mean	SD	Min.	Max.
3	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA03	65099	736.96	41.35	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 3	54404	417.71	38.93	240	614
4	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA04 & 2014 MSA Read 3	51420	740.89	34.43	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 4 & 2013 MSA Read 3	51303	415.10	41.29	240	634
5	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA05 & 2014 MSA Read 4	51094	740.48	32.57	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 5 & 2013 MSA Read 4	59975	427.73	37.45	240	650
6	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA06 & 2014 MSA Read 5	58495	737.95	30.52	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 6 & 2013 MSA Read 5	50796	416.42	36.08	240	650
7	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA07 & 2014 MSA Read 6	50199	738.90	36.61	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 7 & 2013 MSA Read 6	49036	420.95	43.02	240	650
8	Group 1: 2015 PARCC ELA08 & 2014 MSA Read 7	48310	740.17	38.17	650	850
	Group 2: 2014 MSA Read 8 & 2013 MSA Read 7	57693	417.98	35.58	240	650

To compare the similarity of the treated and control subjects in the matched sample, the standardized mean difference is commonly used as an indicator for what is called a balance check. It can be used to compare the mean of continuous and binary variables between the treatment and control groups. For a continuous covariate, the standardized mean difference is defined as

$$d = \frac{\bar{x}_{treatment} - \bar{x}_{control}}{\sqrt{\frac{s_{treatment}^2 + s_{control}^2}{2}}}$$

where $\bar{x}_{treatment}$ and $\bar{x}_{control}$ denote the sample mean of the covariate in the treated and control groups, respectively, whereas $s_{treatment}^2$ and $s_{control}^2$ denote the sample variance of the covariate in the treated and control groups, respectively.

The standardized mean difference compares the difference in means in units of the pooled standard deviation. Furthermore, it is not influenced by sample size and allows for the comparison of the relative balance of variables measured in different units. Although there is no universally agreed upon criterion as to what threshold of the standardized difference can be used to indicate important imbalance, an absolute value of standardized mean difference that is less than 0.25 has been suggested to indicate a negligible difference in the mean of a covariate between the treatment and control group (Stuart, 2010).

Table 1.6
Absolute Standardized Mean Differences for Math after Propensity Score Matching

Covariates	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Gender	0.0022	0.0002	0.0031	0.0015	0.0024	0.0084
Race	0.0000	0.0004	0.0020	0.0030	0.0030	0.0221
LEP	0.0170	0.0040	0.0027	0.0025	0.0052	0.0097
Title 1	0.0075	0.0016	0.0017	0.0036	0.0038	0.0035
FARMS	0.0105	0.0012	0.0036	0.0024	0.0021	0.0102
MSA	NA	0.0223	0.0210	0.0151	0.0260	0.0175
Treatment	2014 MSA	2014 MSA	2015 PARCC	2014 MSA	2015 PARCC	2015 PARCC

Table 1.7
Absolute Standardized Mean Differences for Reading/ELA Based after Propensity Score Matching

Covariates	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
Gender	0.0070	0.0038	0.0029	0.0023	0.0007	0.0048
Race	0.0099	0.0019	0.0044	0.0026	0.0099	0.0068
LEP	0.0142	0.0002	0.0001	0.0005	0.0000	0.0131
Title 1	0.0057	0.0032	0.0017	0.0134	0.0285	0.0079
FARMS	0.0076	0.0029	0.0011	0.0029	0.0145	0.0084
MSA	NA	0.0144	0.0023	0.0083	0.0090	0.0020
Treatment	2014 MSA	2014 MSA	2015 PARCC	2014 MSA	2014 MSA	2015 PARCC

Tables 1.6 presents the absolute standardized mean differences in the propensity scores for each covariate in each matched pair of math tests. Table 1.7 presents the same information for the Reading/ELA tests. The bottom part in both tables indicates the groups that were used as the treatment groups in matching. In this study, the group with fewer cases (the sample sizes presented in Table 1.4 and 1.5) was chosen as the treatment group and the other group as the control group to maximize the sample size of the matched cases. Therefore, in each design, either Group 1 (i.e. 2015 PARCC+2014 MSA) or Group 2 (i.e. 2014 MSA+ 2013 MSA) was chosen as a treatment group based on the sample size of the matched cases in Table 1.4 and 1.5. The values

of the absolute standardized mean differences in Tables 1.6 to 1.7 were checked against the criteria suggested in literature. The results indicated that for all matched pairs of tests, the covariate balance was achieved after matching for each covariate.

The descriptive statistics for the MSA and PARCC test scores for the matched samples for each pair of tests are summarized in Tables 1.8 to 1.9 for math and ELA respectively. As we used one to one without replacement PSM, all control units have weights of one, and the after-matching sample sizes for the treatment group and the control group are the same within each pair of tests.

Table 1.8
Descriptive Statistics for MSA and PARCC Test Scores in the Matched Samples for Math

Grade	Test Name	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
3	MSA	54341	405.26	40.24	240	650
	PARCC	54341	737.49	34.86	650	850
4	MSA	44919	408.66	41.00	240	650
	PARCC	44919	737.28	31.45	650	850
5	MSA	46735	410.71	36.91	240	650
	PARCC	46735	735.91	30.66	650	850
6	MSA	47925	415.23	36.05	240	650
	PARCC	47925	737.61	29.20	650	850
7	MSA	37971	404.51	35.81	240	599
	PARCC	37971	732.13	25.60	650	850
8	MSA	31046	408.72	36.19	240	650
	PARCC	31046	727.31	38.47	650	850

Table 1.9
Descriptive Statistics for MSA and PARCC Test Scores in the Matched Sample for ELA

Grade	Test Name	N	Mean	SD	Min	Max
3	MSA	53716	418.05	38.95	240	614
	PARCC	53716	737.34	41.48	650	850
4	MSA	46329	411.64	39.91	240	616
	PARCC	46329	743.31	34.18	650	850
5	MSA	51061	426.90	37.62	240	646
	PARCC	51061	740.50	32.56	650	850
6	MSA	50026	415.83	35.81	240	650
	PARCC	50026	740.11	30.64	650	850
7	MSA	48616	421.26	42.99	240	650
	PARCC	48616	738.99	36.60	650	850
8	MSA	48119	417.42	35.95	240	650
	PARCC	48119	740.21	38.06	650	850

After propensity score matching, the equipercntile linking based on equivalent groups was conducted based on the matched samples of 2015 PARCC tests and 2014 MSA tests for grades 3 to 8 Math and Reading/ELA tests. The Linking with Equivalent Group or the Single

Group Design (LEGS) program developed by Kolen and Brennan (2004) was used to link the 12 pairs of matched samples. After specifying the input data format related to test scores and their respective frequencies, subgroup information (no subgroup in this study), smoothing parameters and score truncation in the original scale score units, the LEGS program reported the results for the equipercentile linking based on the equivalent group design to map the MSA scores onto the PARCC score scale for each grade and subject.

In Appendix A, a screenshot capturing the input window for linking PARCC MAT08 and MSA 8th grade Math was shown. Two smoothing values were compared in post-linking: 0.3 and 1. The choice of using smoothing parameters is supported by simulation studies that the smoothed results outperform the non-smoothed results in reducing linking errors (Cui & Kolen, 2009; Hanson et al., 1994). The results using smoothing value of 1 were reported due to the fact that after rounding there was little difference between the results based on the two smoothing parameters.

The PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores are summarized in Table 1.10 for each grade and content. In total, 12 concordance tables (Table 1.11-Table 1.22) were created based on PSM. The cut points presented in Table 1.10 are marked in red in each concordance table.

Table 1.10
MSA Cut Scores and PARCC Equivalent Scores Using PSM

Grade	Math				Reading/ELA			
	Scale Score for Proficient		Scale Score for Advanced		Scale Score for Proficient		Scale Score for Advanced	
	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
3	379	713	441	770	388	703	456	781
4	374	710	433	757	371	707	437	765
5	392	720	453	772	384	701	425	739
6	396	723	447	765	381	709	421	746
7	396	729	451	764	385	706	425	745
8	407	730	444	768	391	711	425	751

Table 1.11

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 3 Math and PARCC MAT03

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	652	344	686	396	728	448	776	500	818	552	832	604	842
241	650	293	652	345	687	397	729	449	777	501	820	553	833	605	842
242	650	294	652	346	688	398	730	450	778	502	823	554	833	606	842
243	650	295	652	347	689	399	730	451	779	503	824	555	833	607	843
244	650	296	652	348	689	400	731	452	780	504	824	556	833	608	843
245	650	297	652	349	690	401	733	453	781	505	824	557	833	609	843
246	650	298	652	350	691	402	734	454	782	506	825	558	833	610	843
247	650	299	653	351	692	403	734	455	782	507	825	559	834	611	843
248	650	300	653	352	693	404	735	456	783	508	825	560	834	612	843
249	650	301	653	353	693	405	736	457	784	509	825	561	834	613	844
250	650	302	653	354	694	406	737	458	785	510	825	562	834	614	844
251	650	303	653	355	695	407	737	459	785	511	825	563	834	615	844
252	650	304	653	356	695	408	739	460	786	512	825	564	835	616	844
253	650	305	653	357	696	409	739	461	787	513	825	565	835	617	844
254	650	306	653	358	697	410	740	462	788	514	825	566	835	618	845
255	650	307	653	359	698	411	741	463	789	515	826	567	835	619	845
256	650	308	653	360	698	412	742	464	790	516	826	568	835	620	845
257	650	309	653	361	699	413	743	465	792	517	826	569	836	621	845
258	650	310	653	362	700	414	744	466	793	518	826	570	836	622	845
259	650	311	654	363	701	415	745	467	794	519	826	571	836	623	845
260	651	312	655	364	702	416	746	468	794	520	827	572	836	624	846
261	651	313	656	365	702	417	747	469	794	521	827	573	836	625	846
262	651	314	659	366	703	418	748	470	794	522	827	574	836	626	846
263	651	315	660	367	704	419	749	471	795	523	827	575	837	627	846
264	651	316	660	368	705	420	750	472	796	524	827	576	837	628	846
265	651	317	661	369	706	421	751	473	798	525	827	577	837	629	847
266	651	318	663	370	707	422	751	474	800	526	828	578	837	630	847
267	651	319	664	371	707	423	753	475	800	527	828	579	837	631	847
268	651	320	665	372	708	424	754	476	800	528	828	580	838	632	847
269	651	321	666	373	709	425	755	477	800	529	828	581	838	633	847
270	651	322	667	374	710	426	756	478	801	530	828	582	838	634	847
271	651	323	668	375	710	427	757	479	801	531	829	583	838	635	848
272	651	324	669	376	711	428	758	480	804	532	829	584	838	636	848
273	651	325	670	377	712	429	758	481	806	533	829	585	838	637	848
274	651	326	671	378	713	430	759	482	807	534	829	586	839	638	848
275	651	327	671	379	713	431	761	483	807	535	829	587	839	639	848
276	651	328	672	380	714	432	762	484	808	536	829	588	839	640	849
277	651	329	673	381	715	433	762	485	808	537	830	589	839	641	849
278	651	330	675	382	716	434	764	486	808	538	830	590	839	642	849
279	652	331	676	383	717	435	764	487	808	539	830	591	840	643	849
280	652	332	676	384	718	436	765	488	808	540	830	592	840	644	849
281	652	333	677	385	718	437	766	489	810	541	830	593	840	645	849
282	652	334	678	386	719	438	768	490	813	542	831	594	840	646	850
283	652	335	679	387	720	439	768	491	814	543	831	595	840	647	850
284	652	336	680	388	721	440	769	492	814	544	831	596	840	648	850
285	652	337	680	389	722	441	770	493	814	545	831	597	841	649	850
286	652	338	681	390	722	442	771	494	814	546	831	598	841	650	850
287	652	339	682	391	723	443	772	495	814	547	831	599	841		
288	652	340	683	392	725	444	773	496	815	548	832	600	841		
289	652	341	684	393	726	445	773	497	815	549	832	601	841		
290	652	342	685	394	726	446	774	498	816	550	832	602	842		
291	652	343	685	395	727	447	775	499	817	551	832	603	842		

Table 1.12

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 4 Math and PARCC MAT04

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	662	344	688	396	727	448	770	500	804	552	823	604	838
241	650	293	662	345	689	397	727	449	771	501	805	553	824	605	838
242	650	294	662	346	690	398	728	450	771	502	806	554	824	606	838
243	650	295	662	347	691	399	729	451	772	503	806	555	824	607	838
244	651	296	663	348	691	400	730	452	772	504	806	556	824	608	839
245	651	297	663	349	693	401	731	453	774	505	807	557	825	609	839
246	651	298	663	350	693	402	731	454	775	506	807	558	825	610	839
247	651	299	663	351	694	403	732	455	775	507	807	559	825	611	840
248	651	300	664	352	694	404	733	456	776	508	807	560	825	612	840
249	652	301	664	353	695	405	733	457	776	509	807	561	826	613	840
250	652	302	664	354	696	406	734	458	778	510	808	562	826	614	840
251	652	303	664	355	697	407	735	459	778	511	810	563	826	615	841
252	652	304	664	356	698	408	736	460	779	512	813	564	827	616	841
253	653	305	665	357	699	409	737	461	779	513	813	565	827	617	841
254	653	306	665	358	699	410	738	462	780	514	814	566	827	618	842
255	653	307	665	359	700	411	738	463	781	515	814	567	827	619	842
256	653	308	665	360	700	412	739	464	782	516	814	568	828	620	842
257	654	309	666	361	701	413	740	465	782	517	815	569	828	621	842
258	654	310	666	362	702	414	741	466	783	518	815	570	828	622	843
259	654	311	666	363	703	415	742	467	783	519	815	571	829	623	843
260	654	312	666	364	703	416	742	468	785	520	815	572	829	624	843
261	654	313	667	365	704	417	743	469	785	521	815	573	829	625	843
262	655	314	667	366	704	418	744	470	786	522	815	574	829	626	844
263	655	315	667	367	705	419	745	471	786	523	815	575	830	627	844
264	655	316	667	368	706	420	746	472	787	524	816	576	830	628	844
265	655	317	667	369	706	421	746	473	788	525	816	577	830	629	845
266	656	318	668	370	707	422	748	474	789	526	816	578	830	630	845
267	656	319	668	371	708	423	748	475	789	527	816	579	831	631	845
268	656	320	668	372	709	424	749	476	790	528	817	580	831	632	845
269	656	321	669	373	709	425	750	477	790	529	817	581	831	633	846
270	657	322	670	374	710	426	751	478	791	530	817	582	832	634	846
271	657	323	670	375	711	427	752	479	791	531	817	583	832	635	846
272	657	324	671	376	712	428	753	480	792	532	818	584	832	636	846
273	657	325	672	377	713	429	754	481	793	533	818	585	832	637	847
274	657	326	673	378	713	430	755	482	793	534	818	586	833	638	847
275	658	327	674	379	714	431	756	483	794	535	819	587	833	639	847
276	658	328	676	380	715	432	757	484	794	536	819	588	833	640	848
277	658	329	676	381	715	433	757	485	795	537	819	589	834	641	848
278	658	330	677	382	716	434	758	486	796	538	819	590	834	642	848
279	659	331	677	383	716	435	759	487	796	539	820	591	834	643	848
280	659	332	679	384	717	436	760	488	797	540	820	592	834	644	849
281	659	333	679	385	718	437	760	489	798	541	820	593	835	645	849
282	659	334	680	386	719	438	761	490	799	542	821	594	835	646	849
283	660	335	681	387	720	439	762	491	799	543	821	595	835	647	850
284	660	336	682	388	720	440	763	492	800	544	821	596	835	648	850
285	660	337	683	389	721	441	764	493	800	545	821	597	836	649	850
286	660	338	684	390	722	442	765	494	801	546	822	598	836	650	850
287	661	339	685	391	722	443	766	495	801	547	822	599	836		
288	661	340	685	392	723	444	766	496	802	548	822	600	837		
289	661	341	686	393	724	445	768	497	802	549	822	601	837		
290	661	342	687	394	725	446	768	498	802	550	823	602	837		
291	661	343	688	395	726	447	769	499	803	551	823	603	837		

Table 1.13

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 5 Math and PARCC MAT05

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	659	344	678	396	724	448	768	500	805	552	824	604	838
241	650	293	659	345	679	397	725	449	769	501	806	553	824	605	838
242	650	294	659	346	680	398	725	450	770	502	807	554	825	606	839
243	650	295	659	347	681	399	726	451	770	503	807	555	825	607	839
244	650	296	659	348	682	400	727	452	771	504	808	556	825	608	839
245	650	297	660	349	683	401	728	453	772	505	808	557	825	609	839
246	651	298	660	350	684	402	729	454	772	506	810	558	826	610	840
247	651	299	660	351	685	403	730	455	773	507	811	559	826	611	840
248	651	300	660	352	686	404	730	456	774	508	811	560	826	612	840
249	651	301	660	353	687	405	731	457	775	509	812	561	827	613	840
250	651	302	660	354	688	406	732	458	775	510	812	562	827	614	841
251	652	303	661	355	689	407	733	459	776	511	813	563	827	615	841
252	652	304	661	356	690	408	734	460	777	512	813	564	827	616	841
253	652	305	661	357	691	409	735	461	778	513	813	565	828	617	842
254	652	306	661	358	692	410	736	462	779	514	814	566	828	618	842
255	652	307	661	359	693	411	737	463	779	515	814	567	828	619	842
256	652	308	662	360	693	412	738	464	780	516	815	568	828	620	842
257	653	309	662	361	694	413	738	465	781	517	815	569	829	621	843
258	653	310	662	362	695	414	739	466	782	518	815	570	829	622	843
259	653	311	662	363	696	415	740	467	782	519	815	571	829	623	843
260	653	312	662	364	697	416	741	468	783	520	816	572	829	624	843
261	653	313	662	365	698	417	742	469	784	521	816	573	830	625	844
262	653	314	663	366	699	418	743	470	784	522	816	574	830	626	844
263	654	315	663	367	700	419	744	471	785	523	816	575	830	627	844
264	654	316	663	368	700	420	745	472	786	524	817	576	831	628	844
265	654	317	663	369	701	421	746	473	787	525	817	577	831	629	845
266	654	318	663	370	702	422	747	474	787	526	817	578	831	630	845
267	654	319	663	371	703	423	747	475	788	527	817	579	831	631	845
268	655	320	664	372	704	424	748	476	789	528	818	580	832	632	846
269	655	321	664	373	704	425	749	477	789	529	818	581	832	633	846
270	655	322	664	374	705	426	750	478	790	530	818	582	832	634	846
271	655	323	664	375	706	427	751	479	791	531	819	583	832	635	846
272	655	324	664	376	707	428	752	480	792	532	819	584	833	636	847
273	655	325	665	377	708	429	753	481	792	533	819	585	833	637	847
274	656	326	665	378	708	430	754	482	793	534	819	586	833	638	847
275	656	327	665	379	709	431	754	483	794	535	820	587	834	639	847
276	656	328	665	380	710	432	755	484	794	536	820	588	834	640	848
277	656	329	665	381	711	433	756	485	795	537	820	589	834	641	848
278	656	330	665	382	712	434	757	486	796	538	820	590	834	642	848
279	656	331	666	383	712	435	758	487	796	539	821	591	835	643	848
280	657	332	666	384	713	436	758	488	797	540	821	592	835	644	849
281	657	333	666	385	714	437	759	489	798	541	821	593	835	645	849
282	657	334	667	386	715	438	760	490	798	542	821	594	835	646	849
283	657	335	668	387	716	439	761	491	799	543	822	595	836	647	850
284	657	336	669	388	717	440	762	492	800	544	822	596	836	648	850
285	658	337	671	389	718	441	762	493	801	545	822	597	836	649	850
286	658	338	672	390	718	442	763	494	801	546	823	598	836	650	850
287	658	339	673	391	719	443	764	495	802	547	823	599	837		
288	658	340	674	392	720	444	765	496	802	548	823	600	837		
289	658	341	675	393	721	445	766	497	803	549	823	601	837		
290	658	342	676	394	722	446	766	498	804	550	824	602	838		
291	659	343	677	395	723	447	767	499	804	551	824	603	838		

Table 1.14

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 6 Math and PARCC MAT06

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	658	344	669	396	723	448	765	500	797	552	818	604	835
241	650	293	658	345	670	397	724	449	766	501	799	553	818	605	835
242	650	294	658	346	671	398	725	450	767	502	801	554	818	606	836
243	650	295	658	347	673	399	726	451	767	503	801	555	819	607	836
244	650	296	659	348	675	400	727	452	768	504	801	556	819	608	836
245	650	297	659	349	676	401	728	453	768	505	801	557	819	609	837
246	651	298	659	350	677	402	729	454	769	506	801	558	820	610	837
247	651	299	659	351	678	403	730	455	770	507	802	559	820	611	837
248	651	300	659	352	679	404	731	456	770	508	802	560	820	612	838
249	651	301	659	353	681	405	732	457	771	509	802	561	821	613	838
250	651	302	660	354	682	406	733	458	771	510	802	562	821	614	838
251	651	303	660	355	683	407	733	459	772	511	804	563	821	615	839
252	652	304	660	356	684	408	734	460	773	512	804	564	822	616	839
253	652	305	660	357	685	409	735	461	773	513	805	565	822	617	839
254	652	306	660	358	685	410	736	462	774	514	805	566	822	618	840
255	652	307	660	359	686	411	737	463	774	515	805	567	823	619	840
256	652	308	660	360	687	412	738	464	775	516	806	568	823	620	840
257	652	309	661	361	688	413	739	465	776	517	806	569	823	621	841
258	652	310	661	362	690	414	740	466	777	518	806	570	824	622	841
259	653	311	661	363	691	415	741	467	777	519	807	571	824	623	841
260	653	312	661	364	692	416	742	468	778	520	807	572	824	624	842
261	653	313	661	365	693	417	743	469	779	521	807	573	825	625	842
262	653	314	661	366	694	418	743	470	779	522	808	574	825	626	842
263	653	315	662	367	695	419	744	471	779	523	808	575	825	627	843
264	653	316	662	368	696	420	744	472	780	524	808	576	826	628	843
265	654	317	662	369	697	421	745	473	781	525	809	577	826	629	843
266	654	318	662	370	698	422	746	474	781	526	809	578	826	630	844
267	654	319	662	371	699	423	747	475	782	527	809	579	827	631	844
268	654	320	662	372	700	424	748	476	783	528	810	580	827	632	844
269	654	321	663	373	701	425	749	477	784	529	810	581	827	633	845
270	654	322	663	374	702	426	750	478	784	530	810	582	828	634	845
271	655	323	663	375	703	427	750	479	785	531	811	583	828	635	845
272	655	324	663	376	704	428	751	480	785	532	811	584	828	636	846
273	655	325	663	377	705	429	752	481	786	533	811	585	829	637	846
274	655	326	663	378	706	430	753	482	787	534	812	586	829	638	846
275	655	327	664	379	707	431	753	483	787	535	812	587	829	639	847
276	655	328	664	380	708	432	754	484	788	536	812	588	830	640	847
277	656	329	664	381	709	433	755	485	788	537	813	589	830	641	847
278	656	330	664	382	710	434	756	486	788	538	813	590	830	642	848
279	656	331	664	383	711	435	756	487	790	539	813	591	831	643	848
280	656	332	664	384	711	436	757	488	791	540	814	592	831	644	848
281	656	333	664	385	712	437	757	489	791	541	814	593	831	645	849
282	656	334	665	386	714	438	758	490	792	542	814	594	832	646	849
283	656	335	665	387	715	439	759	491	792	543	815	595	832	647	849
284	657	336	665	388	716	440	760	492	792	544	815	596	832	648	850
285	657	337	665	389	717	441	760	493	794	545	815	597	833	649	850
286	657	338	665	390	718	442	761	494	795	546	816	598	833	650	850
287	657	339	665	391	719	443	762	495	795	547	816	599	833		
288	657	340	666	392	720	444	763	496	795	548	816	600	834		
289	657	341	666	393	721	445	763	497	796	549	817	601	834		
290	658	342	667	394	721	446	764	498	796	550	817	602	834		
291	658	343	668	395	722	447	765	499	796	551	817	603	835		

Table 1.15

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 7 Math and PARCC MAT07

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	657	344	681	396	729	448	762	500	791	552	822	604	850
241	650	293	657	345	683	397	729	449	762	501	791	553	823	605	850
242	650	294	657	346	684	398	730	450	763	502	792	554	823	606	850
243	650	295	658	347	685	399	731	451	764	503	794	555	824	607	850
244	650	296	658	348	685	400	731	452	764	504	794	556	825	608	850
245	650	297	658	349	687	401	732	453	765	505	795	557	825	609	850
246	650	298	658	350	689	402	733	454	765	506	795	558	826	610	850
247	651	299	658	351	689	403	734	455	766	507	795	559	826	611	850
248	651	300	658	352	690	404	734	456	767	508	796	560	827	612	850
249	651	301	658	353	690	405	735	457	767	509	796	561	828	613	850
250	651	302	659	354	692	406	736	458	768	510	797	562	828	614	850
251	651	303	659	355	693	407	737	459	768	511	798	563	829	615	850
252	651	304	659	356	694	408	737	460	769	512	798	564	829	616	850
253	651	305	659	357	695	409	738	461	770	513	799	565	830	617	850
254	652	306	659	358	696	410	739	462	770	514	799	566	830	618	850
255	652	307	659	359	697	411	739	463	771	515	800	567	831	619	850
256	652	308	659	360	698	412	740	464	771	516	801	568	832	620	850
257	652	309	660	361	699	413	741	465	772	517	801	569	832	621	850
258	652	310	660	362	700	414	741	466	772	518	802	570	833	622	850
259	652	311	660	363	701	415	742	467	773	519	802	571	833	623	850
260	652	312	660	364	702	416	743	468	774	520	803	572	834	624	850
261	653	313	660	365	703	417	743	469	774	521	804	573	835	625	850
262	653	314	660	366	704	418	744	470	775	522	804	574	835	626	850
263	653	315	660	367	705	419	745	471	775	523	805	575	836	627	850
264	653	316	661	368	706	420	745	472	776	524	805	576	836	628	850
265	653	317	661	369	707	421	746	473	776	525	806	577	837	629	850
266	653	318	661	370	707	422	747	474	777	526	807	578	838	630	850
267	653	319	661	371	708	423	747	475	778	527	807	579	838	631	850
268	654	320	661	372	709	424	748	476	778	528	808	580	839	632	850
269	654	321	661	373	710	425	748	477	779	529	808	581	839	633	850
270	654	322	661	374	711	426	749	478	779	530	809	582	840	634	850
271	654	323	662	375	712	427	750	479	779	531	810	583	841	635	850
272	654	324	662	376	713	428	750	480	780	532	810	584	841	636	850
273	654	325	662	377	714	429	751	481	780	533	811	585	842	637	850
274	655	326	662	378	715	430	751	482	781	534	811	586	842	638	850
275	655	327	662	379	715	431	752	483	782	535	812	587	843	639	850
276	655	328	662	380	716	432	752	484	782	536	813	588	844	640	850
277	655	329	663	381	717	433	753	485	783	537	813	589	844	641	850
278	655	330	663	382	718	434	753	486	783	538	814	590	845	642	850
279	655	331	664	383	718	435	754	487	784	539	814	591	845	643	850
280	655	332	665	384	719	436	755	488	784	540	815	592	846	644	850
281	656	333	666	385	720	437	755	489	785	541	816	593	847	645	850
282	656	334	667	386	721	438	756	490	786	542	816	594	847	646	850
283	656	335	669	387	721	439	757	491	786	543	817	595	848	647	850
284	656	336	670	388	722	440	757	492	787	544	817	596	848	648	850
285	656	337	671	389	723	441	758	493	787	545	818	597	849	649	850
286	656	338	673	390	724	442	758	494	787	546	819	598	850	650	850
287	656	339	675	391	725	443	759	495	788	547	819	599	850		
288	657	340	676	392	725	444	760	496	789	548	820	600	850		
289	657	341	677	393	726	445	760	497	790	549	820	601	850		
290	657	342	679	394	727	446	761	498	790	550	821	602	850		
291	657	343	680	395	728	447	761	499	791	551	822	603	850		

Table 1.16

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 8 Math and PARCC MAT08

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	650	344	650	396	716	448	772	500	813	552	837	604	844
241	650	293	650	345	650	397	717	449	773	501	814	553	837	605	844
242	650	294	650	346	650	398	718	450	774	502	814	554	837	606	844
243	650	295	650	347	650	399	720	451	774	503	815	555	838	607	845
244	650	296	650	348	650	400	721	452	775	504	816	556	838	608	845
245	650	297	650	349	650	401	722	453	776	505	817	557	838	609	845
246	650	298	650	350	650	402	724	454	777	506	817	558	838	610	845
247	650	299	650	351	650	403	725	455	778	507	818	559	838	611	845
248	650	300	650	352	651	404	726	456	778	508	819	560	838	612	845
249	650	301	650	353	652	405	728	457	779	509	819	561	838	613	845
250	650	302	650	354	655	406	729	458	780	510	820	562	838	614	846
251	650	303	650	355	656	407	730	459	781	511	821	563	839	615	846
252	650	304	650	356	658	408	731	460	782	512	822	564	839	616	846
253	650	305	650	357	660	409	732	461	783	513	823	565	839	617	846
254	650	306	650	358	663	410	733	462	784	514	824	566	839	618	846
255	650	307	650	359	664	411	734	463	785	515	825	567	839	619	846
256	650	308	650	360	666	412	736	464	785	516	826	568	839	620	846
257	650	309	650	361	667	413	737	465	786	517	827	569	839	621	846
258	650	310	650	362	669	414	738	466	787	518	828	570	840	622	847
259	650	311	650	363	670	415	739	467	788	519	828	571	840	623	847
260	650	312	650	364	671	416	740	468	789	520	829	572	840	624	847
261	650	313	650	365	674	417	741	469	790	521	830	573	840	625	847
262	650	314	650	366	676	418	742	470	791	522	830	574	840	626	847
263	650	315	650	367	677	419	743	471	791	523	831	575	840	627	847
264	650	316	650	368	678	420	744	472	792	524	832	576	840	628	847
265	650	317	650	369	680	421	745	473	793	525	833	577	841	629	848
266	650	318	650	370	681	422	746	474	794	526	834	578	841	630	848
267	650	319	650	371	682	423	747	475	794	527	834	579	841	631	848
268	650	320	650	372	683	424	748	476	795	528	834	580	841	632	848
269	650	321	650	373	685	425	749	477	796	529	834	581	841	633	848
270	650	322	650	374	686	426	750	478	797	530	834	582	841	634	848
271	650	323	650	375	688	427	751	479	798	531	834	583	841	635	848
272	650	324	650	376	689	428	752	480	798	532	834	584	841	636	849
273	650	325	650	377	690	429	753	481	799	533	835	585	842	637	849
274	650	326	650	378	692	430	754	482	800	534	835	586	842	638	849
275	650	327	650	379	693	431	756	483	800	535	835	587	842	639	849
276	650	328	650	380	695	432	757	484	801	536	835	588	842	640	849
277	650	329	650	381	696	433	758	485	802	537	835	589	842	641	849
278	650	330	650	382	697	434	759	486	803	538	835	590	842	642	849
279	650	331	650	383	699	435	760	487	803	539	835	591	842	643	849
280	650	332	650	384	700	436	761	488	804	540	835	592	843	644	850
281	650	333	650	385	701	437	762	489	805	541	836	593	843	645	850
282	650	334	650	386	703	438	763	490	805	542	836	594	843	646	850
283	650	335	650	387	704	439	763	491	806	543	836	595	843	647	850
284	650	336	650	388	705	440	764	492	807	544	836	596	843	648	850
285	650	337	650	389	707	441	765	493	807	545	836	597	843	649	850
286	650	338	650	390	708	442	766	494	808	546	836	598	843	650	850
287	650	339	650	391	710	443	767	495	808	547	836	599	843		
288	650	340	650	392	711	444	768	496	809	548	837	600	844		
289	650	341	650	393	712	445	769	497	810	549	837	601	844		
290	650	342	650	394	713	446	770	498	811	550	837	602	844		
291	650	343	650	395	715	447	771	499	812	551	837	603	844		

Table 1.17

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 3 Reading and PARCC ELA03

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	650	344	662	396	712	448	771	500	832	552	848	604	850
241	650	293	650	345	663	397	713	449	773	501	832	553	848	605	850
242	650	294	650	346	664	398	714	450	773	502	833	554	849	606	850
243	650	295	650	347	665	399	715	451	774	503	833	555	849	607	850
244	650	296	650	348	665	400	716	452	775	504	833	556	849	608	850
245	650	297	650	349	666	401	717	453	777	505	833	557	849	609	850
246	650	298	650	350	667	402	718	454	778	506	833	558	849	610	850
247	650	299	650	351	668	403	719	455	780	507	833	559	849	611	850
248	650	300	650	352	670	404	721	456	781	508	833	560	849	612	850
249	650	301	650	353	671	405	721	457	781	509	833	561	849	613	850
250	650	302	650	354	671	406	722	458	782	510	832	562	849	614	850
251	650	303	650	355	672	407	723	459	782	511	833	563	849	615	850
252	650	304	650	356	673	408	726	460	784	512	833	564	849	616	850
253	650	305	650	357	674	409	727	461	785	513	833	565	849	617	850
254	650	306	650	358	675	410	727	462	786	514	834	566	849	618	850
255	650	307	650	359	676	411	728	463	789	515	836	567	849	619	850
256	650	308	650	360	677	412	729	464	791	516	841	568	849	620	850
257	650	309	650	361	677	413	731	465	791	517	843	569	849	621	850
258	650	310	650	362	678	414	732	466	791	518	847	570	849	622	850
259	650	311	650	363	679	415	732	467	791	519	847	571	849	623	850
260	650	312	650	364	680	416	733	468	792	520	847	572	849	624	850
261	650	313	650	365	680	417	736	469	792	521	847	573	849	625	850
262	650	314	650	366	681	418	737	470	794	522	847	574	849	626	850
263	650	315	650	367	682	419	738	471	796	523	847	575	849	627	850
264	650	316	650	368	683	420	738	472	797	524	848	576	849	628	850
265	650	317	650	369	684	421	740	473	800	525	848	577	849	629	850
266	650	318	650	370	685	422	741	474	802	526	848	578	849	630	850
267	650	319	650	371	686	423	742	475	802	527	848	579	849	631	850
268	650	320	650	372	687	424	743	476	803	528	848	580	849	632	850
269	650	321	650	373	688	425	744	477	803	529	848	581	849	633	850
270	650	322	650	374	688	426	746	478	803	530	848	582	849	634	850
271	650	323	650	375	690	427	747	479	803	531	848	583	849	635	850
272	650	324	650	376	691	428	748	480	803	532	848	584	849	636	850
273	650	325	651	377	692	429	749	481	805	533	848	585	850	637	850
274	650	326	651	378	692	430	749	482	808	534	848	586	850	638	850
275	650	327	651	379	694	431	750	483	809	535	848	587	850	639	850
276	650	328	651	380	695	432	752	484	812	536	848	588	850	640	850
277	650	329	651	381	696	433	753	485	814	537	848	589	850	641	850
278	650	330	651	382	696	434	755	486	815	538	848	590	850	642	850
279	650	331	651	383	698	435	756	487	815	539	848	591	850	643	850
280	650	332	652	384	699	436	756	488	815	540	848	592	850	644	850
281	650	333	653	385	700	437	758	489	815	541	848	593	850	645	850
282	650	334	654	386	701	438	759	490	815	542	848	594	850	646	850
283	650	335	655	387	702	439	760	491	815	543	848	595	850	647	850
284	650	336	656	388	703	440	761	492	815	544	848	596	850	648	850
285	650	337	657	389	704	441	762	493	816	545	848	597	850	649	850
286	650	338	657	390	705	442	764	494	816	546	848	598	850	650	850
287	650	339	658	391	707	443	765	495	819	547	848	599	850		
288	650	340	658	392	707	444	766	496	822	548	848	600	850		
289	650	341	659	393	708	445	767	497	823	549	848	601	850		
290	650	342	660	394	709	446	769	498	827	550	848	602	850		
291	650	343	661	395	711	447	770	499	831	551	848	603	850		

Table 1.18

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 4 Reading and PARCC ELA04

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	657	344	684	396	729	448	777	500	814	552	831	604	847
241	650	293	657	345	684	397	731	449	777	501	814	553	831	605	847
242	650	294	657	346	685	398	732	450	777	502	814	554	832	606	847
243	650	295	657	347	686	399	732	451	777	503	814	555	832	607	848
244	650	296	657	348	686	400	733	452	778	504	814	556	832	608	848
245	650	297	657	349	688	401	734	453	779	505	814	557	833	609	848
246	650	298	658	350	689	402	736	454	782	506	814	558	833	610	849
247	651	299	658	351	690	403	736	455	784	507	814	559	833	611	849
248	651	300	658	352	691	404	737	456	784	508	815	560	833	612	849
249	651	301	658	353	692	405	737	457	784	509	815	561	834	613	849
250	651	302	658	354	693	406	739	458	784	510	818	562	834	614	850
251	651	303	658	355	693	407	740	459	784	511	819	563	834	615	850
252	651	304	658	356	694	408	740	460	784	512	819	564	835	616	850
253	651	305	659	357	695	409	741	461	785	513	819	565	835	617	850
254	652	306	659	358	695	410	743	462	786	514	820	566	835	618	850
255	652	307	659	359	696	411	744	463	790	515	820	567	836	619	850
256	652	308	659	360	697	412	745	464	792	516	820	568	836	620	850
257	652	309	659	361	698	413	745	465	792	517	820	569	836	621	850
258	652	310	659	362	699	414	745	466	792	518	821	570	836	622	850
259	652	311	659	363	700	415	747	467	792	519	821	571	837	623	850
260	652	312	660	364	701	416	749	468	792	520	821	572	837	624	850
261	652	313	660	365	702	417	749	469	792	521	822	573	837	625	850
262	653	314	660	366	703	418	750	470	792	522	822	574	838	626	850
263	653	315	661	367	703	419	750	471	792	523	822	575	838	627	850
264	653	316	662	368	705	420	751	472	792	524	823	576	838	628	850
265	653	317	662	369	706	421	753	473	793	525	823	577	839	629	850
266	653	318	663	370	706	422	754	474	795	526	823	578	839	630	850
267	653	319	664	371	707	423	754	475	799	527	823	579	839	631	850
268	653	320	665	372	709	424	754	476	801	528	824	580	839	632	850
269	654	321	667	373	709	425	755	477	802	529	824	581	840	633	850
270	654	322	667	374	710	426	757	478	802	530	824	582	840	634	850
271	654	323	668	375	711	427	759	479	802	531	825	583	840	635	850
272	654	324	668	376	712	428	759	480	802	532	825	584	841	636	850
273	654	325	669	377	713	429	759	481	802	533	825	585	841	637	850
274	654	326	669	378	714	430	760	482	802	534	826	586	841	638	850
275	654	327	670	379	715	431	760	483	802	535	826	587	842	639	850
276	655	328	670	380	716	432	763	484	802	536	826	588	842	640	850
277	655	329	671	381	717	433	764	485	802	537	827	589	842	641	850
278	655	330	672	382	718	434	764	486	802	538	827	590	843	642	850
279	655	331	673	383	718	435	764	487	802	539	827	591	843	643	850
280	655	332	674	384	720	436	765	488	803	540	827	592	843	644	850
281	655	333	675	385	720	437	765	489	805	541	828	593	843	645	850
282	655	334	676	386	721	438	767	490	810	542	828	594	844	646	850
283	656	335	676	387	721	439	770	491	813	543	828	595	844	647	850
284	656	336	677	388	722	440	770	492	814	544	829	596	844	648	850
285	656	337	678	389	724	441	770	493	814	545	829	597	845	649	850
286	656	338	679	390	724	442	770	494	814	546	829	598	845	650	850
287	656	339	680	391	725	443	770	495	814	547	830	599	845		
288	656	340	680	392	726	444	771	496	814	548	830	600	846		
289	656	341	681	393	727	445	772	497	814	549	830	601	846		
290	656	342	682	394	728	446	775	498	814	550	830	602	846		
291	657	343	682	395	729	447	777	499	814	551	831	603	846		

Table 1.19

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 5 Reading and PARCC ELA05

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	657	344	672	396	711	448	761	500	799	552	823	604	838
241	650	293	658	345	673	397	712	449	761	501	799	553	824	605	839
242	650	294	658	346	673	398	714	450	763	502	800	554	824	606	839
243	650	295	658	347	674	399	714	451	764	503	802	555	824	607	839
244	650	296	658	348	675	400	715	452	765	504	802	556	824	608	839
245	650	297	658	349	676	401	715	453	766	505	802	557	825	609	840
246	650	298	658	350	676	402	717	454	767	506	803	558	825	610	840
247	651	299	658	351	676	403	719	455	767	507	803	559	825	611	840
248	651	300	659	352	677	404	719	456	767	508	805	560	826	612	841
249	651	301	659	353	678	405	720	457	767	509	808	561	826	613	841
250	651	302	659	354	679	406	721	458	769	510	808	562	826	614	841
251	651	303	659	355	679	407	723	459	771	511	808	563	826	615	841
252	651	304	659	356	680	408	723	460	773	512	808	564	827	616	842
253	652	305	659	357	681	409	724	461	773	513	808	565	827	617	842
254	652	306	659	358	682	410	724	462	773	514	808	566	827	618	842
255	652	307	660	359	682	411	726	463	773	515	808	567	828	619	843
256	652	308	660	360	683	412	728	464	773	516	808	568	828	620	843
257	652	309	660	361	683	413	728	465	774	517	808	569	828	621	843
258	652	310	660	362	685	414	728	466	776	518	809	570	828	622	843
259	652	311	660	363	685	415	729	467	779	519	809	571	829	623	844
260	653	312	660	364	686	416	731	468	779	520	810	572	829	624	844
261	653	313	661	365	686	417	732	469	780	521	812	573	829	625	844
262	653	314	661	366	686	418	733	470	780	522	812	574	830	626	845
263	653	315	661	367	688	419	733	471	780	523	813	575	830	627	845
264	653	316	661	368	688	420	734	472	780	524	813	576	830	628	845
265	653	317	661	369	689	421	737	473	780	525	816	577	830	629	845
266	653	318	661	370	689	422	737	474	781	526	816	578	831	630	846
267	654	319	661	371	690	423	738	475	784	527	816	579	831	631	846
268	654	320	662	372	691	424	738	476	785	528	816	580	831	632	846
269	654	321	662	373	692	425	739	477	787	529	817	581	832	633	847
270	654	322	662	374	692	426	741	478	787	530	817	582	832	634	847
271	654	323	662	375	694	427	742	479	787	531	817	583	832	635	847
272	654	324	662	376	695	428	743	480	787	532	818	584	833	636	847
273	655	325	662	377	695	429	743	481	787	533	818	585	833	637	848
274	655	326	662	378	695	430	744	482	788	534	818	586	833	638	848
275	655	327	663	379	696	431	746	483	789	535	818	587	833	639	848
276	655	328	663	380	697	432	747	484	790	536	819	588	834	640	849
277	655	329	663	381	698	433	748	485	791	537	819	589	834	641	849
278	655	330	663	382	699	434	748	486	791	538	819	590	834	642	849
279	655	331	663	383	699	435	749	487	792	539	820	591	835	643	849
280	656	332	663	384	701	436	750	488	794	540	820	592	835	644	850
281	656	333	664	385	702	437	752	489	794	541	820	593	835	645	850
282	656	334	665	386	703	438	752	490	794	542	820	594	835	646	850
283	656	335	666	387	703	439	753	491	794	543	821	595	836	647	850
284	656	336	667	388	704	440	753	492	795	544	821	596	836	648	850
285	656	337	667	389	705	441	754	493	795	545	821	597	836	649	850
286	656	338	668	390	706	442	755	494	796	546	822	598	837	650	850
287	657	339	668	391	706	443	757	495	798	547	822	599	837		
288	657	340	669	392	707	444	758	496	799	548	822	600	837		
289	657	341	670	393	709	445	759	497	799	549	822	601	837		
290	657	342	671	394	710	446	760	498	799	550	823	602	838		
291	657	343	672	395	711	447	760	499	799	551	823	603	838		

Table 1.20

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 6 Reading and PARCC ELA06

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	658	344	676	396	723	448	771	500	801	552	820	604	836
241	650	293	659	345	677	397	725	449	771	501	801	553	821	605	837
242	650	294	659	346	678	398	725	450	771	502	801	554	821	606	837
243	650	295	659	347	679	399	726	451	771	503	802	555	821	607	837
244	650	296	659	348	679	400	727	452	771	504	806	556	822	608	838
245	650	297	659	349	680	401	729	453	772	505	810	557	822	609	838
246	651	298	660	350	681	402	729	454	774	506	812	558	822	610	838
247	651	299	660	351	682	403	730	455	777	507	812	559	823	611	838
248	651	300	660	352	683	404	730	456	777	508	812	560	823	612	839
249	651	301	660	353	683	405	731	457	777	509	812	561	823	613	839
250	651	302	660	354	684	406	733	458	777	510	812	562	824	614	839
251	651	303	660	355	685	407	733	459	777	511	812	563	824	615	840
252	652	304	661	356	686	408	734	460	777	512	812	564	824	616	840
253	652	305	661	357	687	409	734	461	778	513	812	565	824	617	840
254	652	306	661	358	687	410	736	462	779	514	812	566	825	618	841
255	652	307	661	359	688	411	737	463	782	515	812	567	825	619	841
256	652	308	661	360	689	412	738	464	784	516	812	568	825	620	841
257	652	309	661	361	690	413	739	465	784	517	812	569	826	621	842
258	653	310	662	362	691	414	741	466	784	518	812	570	826	622	842
259	653	311	662	363	691	415	741	467	784	519	812	571	826	623	842
260	653	312	662	364	692	416	742	468	784	520	812	572	827	624	842
261	653	313	662	365	693	417	742	469	784	521	812	573	827	625	843
262	653	314	662	366	695	418	743	470	784	522	812	574	827	626	843
263	654	315	662	367	695	419	745	471	784	523	812	575	827	627	843
264	654	316	663	368	696	420	746	472	785	524	812	576	828	628	844
265	654	317	663	369	697	421	746	473	787	525	812	577	828	629	844
266	654	318	663	370	698	422	747	474	791	526	812	578	828	630	844
267	654	319	663	371	699	423	747	475	791	527	813	579	829	631	845
268	654	320	663	372	700	424	749	476	792	528	813	580	829	632	845
269	655	321	663	373	700	425	750	477	792	529	813	581	829	633	845
270	655	322	664	374	702	426	751	478	792	530	814	582	830	634	845
271	655	323	664	375	703	427	751	479	792	531	814	583	830	635	846
272	655	324	664	376	704	428	752	480	792	532	814	584	830	636	846
273	655	325	664	377	705	429	754	481	792	533	815	585	831	637	846
274	655	326	664	378	706	430	755	482	792	534	815	586	831	638	847
275	656	327	664	379	707	431	755	483	792	535	815	587	831	639	847
276	656	328	665	380	708	432	755	484	792	536	816	588	831	640	847
277	656	329	665	381	709	433	756	485	793	537	816	589	832	641	848
278	656	330	665	382	710	434	758	486	796	538	816	590	832	642	848
279	656	331	667	383	710	435	760	487	800	539	816	591	832	643	848
280	656	332	668	384	711	436	760	488	801	540	817	592	833	644	849
281	657	333	669	385	712	437	760	489	801	541	817	593	833	645	849
282	657	334	669	386	713	438	760	490	801	542	817	594	833	646	849
283	657	335	670	387	714	439	761	491	801	543	818	595	834	647	849
284	657	336	670	388	715	440	763	492	801	544	818	596	834	648	850
285	657	337	671	389	716	441	765	493	801	545	818	597	834	649	850
286	657	338	672	390	717	442	765	494	801	546	819	598	834	650	850
287	658	339	673	391	718	443	766	495	801	547	819	599	835		
288	658	340	673	392	719	444	766	496	801	548	819	600	835		
289	658	341	674	393	721	445	766	497	801	549	820	601	835		
290	658	342	675	394	721	446	767	498	801	550	820	602	836		
291	658	343	676	395	722	447	770	499	801	551	820	603	836		

Table 1.21

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 7 Reading and PARCC ELA07

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	650	344	668	396	717	448	764	500	800	552	823	604	838
241	650	293	650	345	668	397	719	449	764	501	801	553	823	605	838
242	650	294	651	346	669	398	720	450	767	502	801	554	823	606	838
243	650	295	651	347	670	399	721	451	768	503	803	555	823	607	838
244	650	296	651	348	670	400	721	452	770	504	806	556	824	608	839
245	650	297	651	349	671	401	723	453	770	505	806	557	824	609	839
246	650	298	651	350	672	402	724	454	770	506	806	558	825	610	839
247	650	299	651	351	673	403	725	455	770	507	806	559	825	611	839
248	650	300	651	352	674	404	726	456	770	508	806	560	825	612	840
249	650	301	651	353	675	405	727	457	771	509	806	561	825	613	840
250	650	302	651	354	676	406	728	458	772	510	806	562	826	614	840
251	650	303	651	355	677	407	729	459	774	511	806	563	826	615	841
252	650	304	651	356	678	408	730	460	775	512	806	564	826	616	841
253	650	305	651	357	678	409	730	461	776	513	806	565	827	617	841
254	650	306	651	358	680	410	731	462	778	514	806	566	827	618	841
255	650	307	651	359	681	411	732	463	778	515	806	567	827	619	842
256	650	308	651	360	681	412	734	464	778	516	806	568	827	620	842
257	650	309	651	361	682	413	735	465	778	517	806	569	828	621	842
258	650	310	651	362	684	414	736	466	778	518	806	570	828	622	843
259	650	311	651	363	684	415	736	467	778	519	806	571	828	623	843
260	650	312	651	364	685	416	737	468	779	520	807	572	829	624	843
261	650	313	651	365	686	417	738	469	779	521	807	573	829	625	843
262	650	314	651	366	688	418	740	470	781	522	809	574	829	626	844
263	650	315	651	367	688	419	740	471	782	523	813	575	829	627	844
264	650	316	651	368	689	420	741	472	783	524	814	576	830	628	844
265	650	317	651	369	690	421	742	473	783	525	814	577	830	629	844
266	650	318	651	370	691	422	743	474	783	526	815	578	830	630	845
267	650	319	651	371	692	423	744	475	786	527	816	579	831	631	845
268	650	320	651	372	692	424	745	476	788	528	818	580	831	632	845
269	650	321	651	373	694	425	745	477	788	529	821	581	831	633	846
270	650	322	651	374	695	426	746	478	788	530	822	582	831	634	846
271	650	323	651	375	696	427	747	479	788	531	822	583	832	635	846
272	650	324	652	376	696	428	748	480	788	532	822	584	832	636	846
273	650	325	652	377	698	429	750	481	788	533	823	585	832	637	847
274	650	326	653	378	699	430	751	482	789	534	823	586	832	638	847
275	650	327	655	379	700	431	751	483	789	535	822	587	833	639	847
276	650	328	656	380	700	432	751	484	791	536	822	588	833	640	848
277	650	329	656	381	702	433	752	485	793	537	822	589	833	641	848
278	650	330	657	382	703	434	752	486	793	538	822	590	834	642	848
279	650	331	657	383	704	435	754	487	794	539	823	591	834	643	848
280	650	332	659	384	705	436	756	488	794	540	823	592	834	644	849
281	650	333	660	385	706	437	756	489	794	541	823	593	834	645	849
282	650	334	660	386	707	438	757	490	794	542	823	594	835	646	849
283	650	335	661	387	708	439	757	491	794	543	823	595	835	647	850
284	650	336	661	388	709	440	757	492	794	544	823	596	835	648	850
285	650	337	662	389	711	441	758	493	796	545	823	597	836	649	850
286	650	338	663	390	711	442	760	494	799	546	823	598	836	650	850
287	650	339	664	391	712	443	761	495	800	547	823	599	836		
288	650	340	664	392	713	444	763	496	800	548	823	600	836		
289	650	341	666	393	715	445	763	497	800	549	823	601	837		
290	650	342	667	394	715	446	763	498	800	550	823	602	837		
291	650	343	667	395	716	447	763	499	800	551	823	603	837		

Table 1.22

Concordance Table for MSA Grade 8 Reading and PARCC ELA08

MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
240	650	292	650	344	659	396	717	448	773	500	823	552	835	604	843
241	650	293	650	345	660	397	718	449	774	501	824	553	835	605	843
242	650	294	650	346	661	398	720	450	776	502	824	554	835	606	843
243	650	295	650	347	662	399	721	451	778	503	824	555	835	607	844
244	650	296	650	348	663	400	722	452	779	504	824	556	835	608	844
245	650	297	650	349	664	401	723	453	780	505	824	557	836	609	844
246	650	298	650	350	665	402	724	454	780	506	824	558	836	610	844
247	650	299	650	351	665	403	726	455	780	507	824	559	836	611	844
248	650	300	650	352	666	404	727	456	780	508	824	560	836	612	844
249	650	301	650	353	667	405	728	457	782	509	824	561	836	613	845
250	650	302	650	354	668	406	730	458	784	510	824	562	836	614	845
251	650	303	650	355	669	407	731	459	786	511	824	563	837	615	845
252	650	304	650	356	671	408	732	460	788	512	825	564	837	616	845
253	650	305	650	357	672	409	733	461	788	513	825	565	837	617	845
254	650	306	650	358	673	410	734	462	788	514	828	566	837	618	845
255	650	307	650	359	673	411	736	463	788	515	829	567	837	619	845
256	650	308	650	360	675	412	737	464	788	516	829	568	837	620	846
257	650	309	650	361	676	413	738	465	789	517	830	569	838	621	846
258	650	310	650	362	677	414	739	466	789	518	830	570	838	622	846
259	650	311	650	363	677	415	740	467	790	519	830	571	838	623	846
260	650	312	650	364	679	416	742	468	792	520	830	572	838	624	846
261	650	313	650	365	680	417	742	469	795	521	830	573	838	625	846
262	650	314	650	366	681	418	743	470	797	522	830	574	838	626	847
263	650	315	650	367	681	419	744	471	798	523	830	575	838	627	847
264	650	316	650	368	683	420	746	472	798	524	830	576	839	628	847
265	650	317	650	369	684	421	747	473	798	525	830	577	839	629	847
266	650	318	650	370	685	422	748	474	798	526	831	578	839	630	847
267	650	319	650	371	686	423	749	475	798	527	831	579	839	631	847
268	650	320	650	372	688	424	750	476	798	528	831	580	839	632	848
269	650	321	650	373	689	425	751	477	798	529	831	581	839	633	848
270	650	322	650	374	690	426	753	478	800	530	831	582	840	634	848
271	650	323	651	375	691	427	754	479	802	531	831	583	840	635	848
272	650	324	651	376	692	428	754	480	803	532	832	584	840	636	848
273	650	325	651	377	694	429	755	481	803	533	832	585	840	637	848
274	650	326	651	378	695	430	755	482	806	534	832	586	840	638	849
275	650	327	651	379	696	431	757	483	809	535	832	587	840	639	849
276	650	328	651	380	697	432	758	484	809	536	832	588	841	640	849
277	650	329	651	381	699	433	760	485	809	537	832	589	841	641	849
278	650	330	651	382	700	434	760	486	810	538	833	590	841	642	849
279	650	331	651	383	701	435	761	487	810	539	833	591	841	643	849
280	650	332	651	384	702	436	762	488	810	540	833	592	841	644	849
281	650	333	651	385	703	437	764	489	810	541	833	593	841	645	850
282	650	334	651	386	705	438	766	490	810	542	833	594	841	646	850
283	650	335	651	387	706	439	766	491	810	543	833	595	842	647	850
284	650	336	652	388	707	440	766	492	810	544	834	596	842	648	850
285	650	337	653	389	709	441	767	493	811	545	834	597	842	649	850
286	650	338	654	390	710	442	767	494	814	546	834	598	842	650	850
287	650	339	655	391	711	443	769	495	814	547	834	599	842		
288	650	340	656	392	713	444	771	496	815	548	834	600	842		
289	650	341	657	393	714	445	772	497	815	549	834	601	843		
290	650	342	658	394	715	446	772	498	818	550	834	602	843		
291	650	343	659	395	716	447	773	499	822	551	835	603	843		

Impact

To evaluate the impact of the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores summarized in Table 1.10 based on PSM, the classification rates for the basic, proficient, and advanced categories are computed for all tests (see Table 1.23). The classification rates are calculated based on students who have a score larger than or equal to the cut score for each category. If students fall in proficient or advanced categories, they are classified as passing. Generally speaking, the passing rates for students in lower grades are higher for both subjects. For example, the passing rate at the 4th grade is higher than the passing rate at the 5th grade for both PARCC MATH and ELA tests. This pattern is consistent with the classification rate patterns for 2004 to 2014 MSA tests summarized in the next section in Table 2.1.

Table 1.23

Classification Rates Based on the Mapped PARCC Cut Scores for Grades 3 to 8 Tests

Grade	Math			Reading/English		
	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	25.63%	56.13%	18.25%	22.43%	62.37%	15.21%
4	24.20%	51.59%	24.21%	17.09%	58.11%	24.80%
5	35.84%	52.21%	11.95%	12.62%	34.84%	52.54%
6	39.67%	44.72%	15.61%	18.21%	40.75%	41.04%
7	50.78%	40.40%	8.82%	21.15%	34.90%	43.94%
8	60.89%	25.25%	13.86%	24.43%	36.13%	39.44%

To further investigate the relationship between the mapped PARCC equivalents of MSA cut scores and the PARCC cut scores, the conditional standard errors of measurement (CSEM) for the mapped PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores were utilized to construct a 95% confidence interval and 1 standard deviation above and below the mapped cut scores. As multiple forms were constructed for the PARCC tests, the CSEM for the same PARCC score could be different for different forms. Thus, the mean, minimum, and maximum CSEM were used to construct the intervals respectively. The six intervals around the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores obtained for each of the two cut scores (basic vs. proficient, proficient vs. advanced categories) in both subjects at grades 3 to 8 are summarized in Tables 1.24-1.27.

Table 1.24

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Basic vs. Proficient Categories for Math

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	713	7.8	7.2	8.2	(698, 728)	(705, 721)	(699, 727)	(706, 720)	(697, 729)	(705, 721)
4	710	7.2	6.8	7.7	(696, 724)	(703, 717)	(697, 723)	(703, 717)	(695, 725)	(702, 718)
5	720	7.7	6.9	8.2	(705, 735)	(712, 728)	(706, 734)	(713, 727)	(704, 736)	(712, 728)
6	723	6.9	6.3	7.9	(709, 737)	(716, 730)	(711, 735)	(717, 729)	(708, 738)	(715, 731)
7	729	6.9	6.5	7.4	(715, 743)	(722, 736)	(716, 742)	(722, 736)	(714, 744)	(722, 736)
8	730	10.1	9.7	10.8	(710, 750)	(720, 740)	(711, 749)	(720, 740)	(709, 751)	(719, 741)

Table 1.25

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Proficient vs. Advanced Categories for Math

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	770	6.6	6.1	7.2	(757, 783)	(763, 777)	(758, 782)	(764, 776)	(756, 784)	(763, 777)
4	757	6.6	6.1	7.0	(744, 770)	(750, 764)	(745, 769)	(751, 763)	(743, 771)	(750, 764)
5	772	6.2	5.9	7.7	(760, 784)	(766, 778)	(760, 784)	(766, 778)	(757, 787)	(764, 780)
6	765	5.6	5.2	6.3	(754, 776)	(759, 771)	(755, 775)	(760, 770)	(753, 777)	(759, 771)
7	764	5.0	4.6	5.7	(754, 774)	(759, 769)	(755, 773)	(759, 769)	(753, 775)	(758, 770)
8	768	7.6	7.1	8.6	(753, 783)	(760, 776)	(754, 782)	(761, 775)	(751, 785)	(759, 777)

Table 1.26

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Basic vs. Proficient Categories for Reading

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	703	10.7	9.7	11.6	(682, 724)	(692, 714)	(684, 722)	(693, 713)	(680, 726)	(691, 715)
4	707	8.7	7.8	9.6	(690, 724)	(698, 716)	(692, 722)	(699, 715)	(688, 726)	(697, 717)
5	701	9.6	8.8	10.7	(682, 720)	(791, 711)	(684, 718)	(692, 710)	(680, 722)	(690, 712)
6	709	7.6	7.0	8.6	(694, 724)	(701, 717)	(695, 723)	(702, 716)	(692, 726)	(700, 718)
7	706	8.8	8.2	9.4	(689, 723)	(697, 715)	(690, 722)	(698, 714)	(688, 724)	(697, 715)
8	711	8.2	7.2	9.3	(695, 727)	(703, 719)	(697, 725)	(704, 718)	(693, 729)	(702, 720)

Table 1.27

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Proficient vs. Advanced Categories for Reading

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	781	10.3	9.4	10.6	(761, 801)	(771, 791)	(763, 799)	(772, 790)	(760, 802)	(770, 792)
4	765	8.0	7.6	8.5	(749, 781)	(757, 773)	(750, 780)	(757, 773)	(748, 782)	(756, 774)
5	739	7.7	7.0	8.6	(724, 754)	(731, 747)	(725, 753)	(732, 746)	(722, 756)	(730, 748)
6	746	6.6	6.1	7.0	(733, 759)	(739, 753)	(734, 758)	(740, 752)	(732, 760)	(739, 753)
7	745	7.5	7.1	7.9	(730, 760)	(737, 753)	(731, 759)	(738, 752)	(730, 760)	(737, 753)
8	751	7.9	7.4	8.3	(736, 766)	(743, 759)	(736, 766)	(744, 758)	(735, 767)	(743, 759)

For the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being proficient in grades 5 to 8 MATH tests, all intervals captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3. For the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being proficient in grades 3 and 4

MATH test, all 95% intervals captured the PARCC cut score of 725, whereas one standard deviation intervals failed to capture 725. For the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being classified as advanced in grades 4 to 8 MATH tests, all computed intervals were above the PARCC cut score of 750 between performance levels 3 vs. 4 and below the PARCC cut scores between performance levels 4 vs. level 5 (Please note these cut scores vary depending on grades). Cut scores for PARCC grades 3 to 8 tests in MATH and ELA are presented in Appendix B.

For the mapped PARCC ELA cut scores, none of the intervals constructed around the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being proficient in the 4th to 7th grade tests captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3, rather the upper bound of the intervals were all smaller than 725. Yet, for the 8th grade PARCC ELA, the 95% intervals for being proficient captured the PARCC cut score of 725. The 95% interval constructed with the maximum CSEM around the grade 3 PARCC ELA equivalent of the MSA cut score for being proficient also captured 725. The 95% confidence intervals for being advanced in the 4th and the 5th grade ELA tests captured the PARCC cut score of 750. For the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being advanced in the 6th to 8th grade tests, all of the intervals captured the PARCC cut score of 750 between performance levels 3 vs. 4.

Option II
Using Impact Data to Map the MSA Cut Scores to the PARCC Scale by Extrapolation

Data Preparation

The impact data from the 2003 to 2014 test administrations were provided by MSDE to MARC showing the percentages of students falling into each performance level: basic, proficient and advanced. Due to the fact that MSA tests were only administered to grade 3, grade 5, grade 8 and grade 10 in 2003, such data were missing for 2003 grades 4, 6 and 7 MSA Math and Reading tests. So classification rates for all performance levels from 2004 to 2014 MSA test administrations were used to conduct the analysis. The percentages of students fall in each performance level for 2004 to 2014 MSA tests for both Math and Reading are summarized in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1
Classification Rates for 2004-2014 MSA 3rd to 8th Grade Math and Reading Tests

		Math			Reading/English		
		Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Grade 3	2004	27.75%	52.31%	19.94%	28.99%	58.47%	12.55%
	2005	23.17%	51.21%	25.62%	24.14%	58.21%	17.64%
	2006	20.89%	54.29%	24.82%	21.75%	63.15%	15.10%
	2007	21.41%	53.77%	24.83%	19.46%	60.30%	20.25%
	2008	17.40%	55.91%	26.69%	17.01%	66.12%	16.87%
	2009	15.66%	55.50%	28.84%	15.09%	62.97%	21.94%
	2010	13.98%	51.87%	34.15%	16.03%	62.80%	21.17%
	2011	13.72%	50.89%	35.38%	14.90%	64.58%	20.53%
	2012	12.24%	49.03%	38.74%	14.98%	64.44%	20.58%
	2013	17.84%	53.29%	28.87%	17.38%	60.49%	22.13%
2014	25.83%	54.79%	19.39%	22.81%	62.34%	14.85%	
Grade 4	2004	30.43%	49.56%	20.01%	24.93%	59.31%	15.76%
	2005	23.53%	49.52%	26.95%	19.04%	63.28%	17.69%
	2006	17.91%	49.92%	32.17%	18.20%	58.63%	23.17%
	2007	14.04%	47.99%	37.98%	13.95%	61.24%	24.81%
	2008	11.44%	46.16%	42.40%	11.51%	60.55%	27.94%
	2009	10.79%	44.32%	44.89%	13.36%	59.88%	26.76%
	2010	9.80%	43.62%	46.59%	12.59%	57.91%	29.50%
	2011	9.68%	40.60%	49.72%	11.32%	59.28%	29.40%
	2012	10.13%	38.64%	51.23%	10.16%	55.63%	34.21%
	2013	11.21%	42.06%	46.73%	11.76%	58.40%	29.83%
2014	19.38%	48.41%	32.22%	13.69%	55.50%	30.82%	
Grade 5	2004	36.88%	50.43%	12.69%	31.64%	39.79%	28.57%
	2005	30.80%	51.95%	17.25%	25.69%	44.43%	29.88%
	2006	26.62%	54.15%	19.22%	23.42%	42.85%	33.73%
	2007	21.73%	57.57%	20.70%	23.31%	43.61%	33.09%
	2008	19.48%	55.12%	25.40%	13.30%	35.71%	50.99%

	2009	18.78%	56.08%	25.14%	10.48%	39.94%	49.59%
	2010	16.85%	57.88%	25.27%	10.60%	36.15%	53.25%
	2011	17.74%	59.43%	22.82%	9.78%	34.45%	55.77%
	2012	14.66%	54.82%	30.52%	10.06%	34.89%	55.05%
	2013	19.14%	55.54%	25.32%	11.56%	31.80%	56.64%
	2014	27.17%	52.89%	19.94%	11.05%	34.53%	54.42%
	2004	49.72%	39.09%	11.19%	31.66%	37.94%	30.40%
	2005	39.88%	45.16%	14.97%	29.72%	39.08%	31.20%
	2006	34.33%	46.93%	18.74%	28.18%	37.66%	34.16%
	2007	28.12%	48.33%	23.56%	23.44%	43.63%	32.93%
	2008	24.19%	43.97%	31.84%	18.21%	38.85%	42.94%
Grade 6	2009	23.99%	46.99%	29.03%	16.56%	43.26%	40.18%
	2010	20.16%	50.14%	29.70%	13.88%	42.84%	43.29%
	2011	19.02%	48.87%	32.11%	16.21%	41.02%	42.77%
	2012	16.95%	47.57%	35.48%	15.52%	42.69%	41.79%
	2013	22.89%	47.99%	29.12%	15.90%	40.64%	43.46%
	2014	32.19%	46.44%	21.38%	16.79%	39.47%	43.75%
	2004	50.17%	39.72%	10.12%	32.98%	41.07%	25.94%
	2005	44.63%	41.56%	13.82%	32.80%	39.03%	28.17%
	2006	39.89%	44.21%	15.90%	28.92%	45.01%	26.07%
	2007	38.74%	43.32%	17.93%	29.82%	40.71%	29.47%
	2008	31.78%	46.52%	21.70%	18.83%	38.32%	42.85%
Grade 7	2009	28.02%	48.97%	23.02%	18.25%	38.09%	43.66%
	2010	27.42%	49.23%	23.35%	18.18%	36.76%	45.06%
	2011	25.67%	48.91%	25.42%	15.95%	40.64%	43.41%
	2012	23.68%	49.45%	26.87%	18.85%	35.49%	45.66%
	2013	27.39%	49.30%	23.31%	15.00%	36.86%	48.14%
	2014	36.89%	43.47%	19.64%	21.21%	35.95%	42.84%
	2004	54.28%	28.86%	16.86%	36.14%	43.02%	20.83%
	2005	48.26%	32.90%	18.84%	33.58%	42.48%	23.94%
	2006	44.93%	32.54%	22.54%	32.99%	43.03%	23.98%
	2007	43.30%	31.69%	25.01%	31.74%	44.33%	23.94%
	2008	38.15%	32.83%	29.02%	27.18%	38.70%	34.12%
Grade 8	2009	34.22%	37.13%	28.65%	19.85%	43.25%	36.90%
	2010	34.57%	35.89%	29.54%	19.62%	35.54%	44.84%
	2011	33.95%	33.66%	32.39%	17.29%	36.85%	45.86%
	2012	30.74%	36.17%	33.09%	19.22%	36.63%	44.16%
	2013	32.98%	36.42%	30.60%	18.96%	34.91%	46.13%
	2014	41.28%	32.81%	25.91%	23.11%	36.56%	40.33%

It is noted that the percentages of students being classified in the basic performance level for all tests decreased from 2004 to 2012 and that for being classified in the proficient and above level for all tests increased, indicating students' performance improved across years. However, this trend was reversed after the introduction of PARCC field tests and the new "Common Core" curricula in 2013. Starting from 2013, the percentages of students being classified in the basic

level increased and that for being classified in the proficient and above level decreased. A possible explanation confirmed by the State assessment experts is that since the introduction of PARCC tests, MSA did not appear to be as important as it was to students and/or teachers, as a change in instructional materials occurred too. Hence, we only used the data from 2004 to 2012 test administrations to conduct extrapolation to remove the influence of the unusual trend in the 2013-2014 MSA test administrations.

Extrapolation and Mapping the Extrapolated Percentages of Students Falling into Performance Levels onto the PARCC Scale

Table 2.2
Prediction Equations for Classification Rates

Test Name	Cut score	Prediction Equation
Grade 3 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = 0.2934e^{-0.099x}$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.0016x^2 + 0.0047x + 0.212$
Grade 4 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = 0.318x^{-0.574}$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.0038x^2 + 0.0766x + 0.1297$
Grade 5 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.101 \ln x + 0.3702$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.1314x^{0.3461}$
Grade 6 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.151 \ln x + 0.4992$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.1095x^{0.5411}$
Grade 7 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = 0.0027x^2 - 0.0602x + 0.5596$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.0015x^2 + 0.0348x + 0.0698$
Grade 8 MSA Math	basic vs. proficient	$y = 0.0026x^2 - 0.0537x + 0.5892$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.0016x^2 + 0.037x + 0.1293$
Grade 3 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.068 \ln(x) + 0.2879$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.1332x^{0.2214}$
Grade 4 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.065 \ln(x) + 0.242$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.1525x^{0.3421}$
Grade 5 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.111 \ln(x) + 0.3341$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.0019x^2 + 0.0593x + 0.1982$
Grade 6 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.0234x + 0.332$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.002x^2 + 0.0374x + 0.253$
Grade 7 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = 0.0024x^2 - 0.0474x + 0.3992$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = -0.0018x^2 + 0.0471x + 0.1873$
Grade 8 MSA Reading	basic vs. proficient	$y = -0.0259x + 0.3933$
	proficient vs. advanced	$y = 0.0356x + 0.1536$

Using this method, statistical modeling and subsequent extrapolation had to be conducted to get classification rates for all three performance levels for 2015 MSA tests. Two scatterplots were generated to examine the trends in the percentage changes for the basic and the advanced level, respectively, for each MSA test. Prediction equations are developed using Excel best fitting line function. The choice of the best fitting line was based on two criteria simultaneously-- 1) the R square measure for the best fitting line is the highest and 2) the extrapolated percentages of being in the basic level for 2015 MSA tests are lower than those in 2012. An

example of the scatterplot and the best fitting line is presented in Appendix C. Using the prediction equations, the percentages of students being classified in the basic and advanced level were extrapolated for 2015 MSA tests. The extrapolation equations for all tests are presented in Table 2.2. The extrapolated classification rates for 2015 MSA tests are summarized in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3
Extrapolated Classification Rates for 2015 MSA Tests

Grade	Math			Reading		
	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
3	8.94%	41.18%	49.88%	11.89%	65.02%	23.09%
4	7.64%	42.19%	50.17%	8.05%	56.27%	35.68%
5	11.92%	57.02%	31.05%	5.83%	30.55%	63.62%
6	12.40%	45.59%	42.01%	16.56%	42.06%	41.38%
7	22.50%	51.51%	27.14%	17.60%	33.07%	49.33%
8	31.92%	33.79%	34.29%	8.25%	33.67%	58.08%

We then ranked students who took each PARCC test based on their test scores, and located the PARCC scale scores with the same classification rates as we extrapolated for each 2015 MSA test. Table 2.4 summarizes the mapped PARCC cut scores and the corresponding MSA cut scores.

Table 2.4
MSA Cut Scores and PARCC Equivalent Scores Using Extrapolation

Grade	Math				Reading/ELA			
	Scale Score for Proficient		Scale Score for Advanced		Scale Score for Proficient		Scale Score for Advanced	
	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC	MSA	PARCC
3	379	690	441	736	388	686	456	768
4	374	691	433	731	371	691	437	754
5	392	697	453	748	384	689	425	728
6	396	697	447	738	381	706	421	745
7	396	708	451	744	385	700	425	739
8	407	703	444	735	391	681	425	731

Similar to what was done in Option I, the CSEM for the mapped PARCC cut score was utilized to construct 95% confidence intervals and one standard deviation above and below the mapped cut scores. The mean, minimum, and maximum CSEM were used to construct the intervals respectively to represent the variation of CSEM for the same PARCC score across test forms. The six intervals around the PARCC equivalent cut scores obtained for each of the two cut scores (basic vs. proficient, proficient vs. advanced) in both subjects at grades 3 to 8 are summarized in Tables 2.5-2.8.

With respect to the PARCC MATH tests, the 95% CIs around the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores between the basic vs. proficient categories generally captured the PARCC cut score of 700 between performance levels 1 vs. 2, but seldom captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3. For the mapped PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut

scores between the proficient vs. advanced categories, the 95% CIs generally captured the PARCC cut score of 750 between performance levels 3 vs. 4 except for grade 4. For grades 3, 4, and 8, the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3 also fell in the 95% CIs.

On the other hand, for the PARCC ELA tests, most of the intervals around the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores between the basic vs. proficient categories shown in Table 2.7 captured 700, which is the PARCC cut score between performance levels 1 vs. 2. None of them captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3. In terms of the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores of proficient vs. advanced, the intervals for grades 5 and 8 only captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3, while the intervals for grades 3, 4, 6, 7 only captured the PARCC cut score of 750 between performance levels 3 vs. 4.

Table 2.5
95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Basic vs. Proficient Categories for Math

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	690	9.4	8.9	9.9	(672, 708)	(681, 699)	(673, 707)	(681, 699)	(671, 709)	(680, 700)
4	691	8.1	7.7	8.5	(675, 707)	(683, 699)	(676, 706)	(683, 699)	(674, 708)	(682, 700)
5	697	9.5	8.3	10.1	(678, 716)	(687, 707)	(681, 713)	(689, 705)	(677, 717)	(687, 707)
6	697	9.2	8.1	10	(679, 715)	(688, 706)	(681, 713)	(689, 705)	(677, 717)	(687, 707)
7	708	8.5	8.1	9.4	(691, 725)	(699, 717)	(692, 724)	(700, 716)	(690, 726)	(699, 717)
8	703	12.0	11.6	12.8	(679, 727)	(691, 715)	(680, 726)	(691, 715)	(678, 728)	(690, 716)

Table 2.6
95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Proficient vs. Advanced Categories for Math

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	736	7.0	6.6	8	(722, 750)	(729, 743)	(723, 749)	(729, 743)	(720, 752)	(728, 744)
4	731	6.9	6.4	7.4	(717, 745)	(724, 738)	(718, 744)	(725, 737)	(716, 746)	(724, 738)
5	748	6.6	6	7	(735, 761)	(741, 755)	(736, 760)	(742, 754)	(734, 762)	(741, 755)
6	738	6.4	5.7	7.3	(725, 751)	(732, 744)	(727, 749)	(732, 744)	(724, 752)	(731, 745)
7	744	6.1	5.7	6.6	(732, 756)	(738, 750)	(733, 755)	(738, 750)	(731, 757)	(737, 751)
8	735	10.0	9.3	10.6	(715, 755)	(725, 745)	(717, 753)	(726, 744)	(714, 756)	(724, 746)

Table 2.7

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Basic vs. Proficient Categories for Reading

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	686	12.2	11.7	13.4	(662, 710)	(674, 698)	(663, 709)	(674, 698)	(660, 712)	(673, 699)
4	691	10.0	9.3	11.5	(671, 711)	(681, 701)	(673, 709)	(682, 700)	(668, 714)	(680, 702)
5	689	11.3	10.2	12.2	(667, 711)	(678, 700)	(669, 709)	(679, 699)	(665, 713)	(677, 701)
6	706	7.9	7.1	8.9	(691, 721)	(698, 714)	(692, 720)	(699, 713)	(689, 723)	(697, 715)
7	700	9.2	8.6	9.9	(682, 718)	(691, 709)	(683, 717)	(691, 709)	(681, 719)	(690, 710)
8	681	10.5	8.9	11.7	(660, 702)	(670, 692)	(664, 698)	(672, 690)	(658, 704)	(669, 693)

Table 2.8

95% Confidence Intervals and One Standard Deviation above and below the Mapped PARCC Equivalent Cut Scores for the Proficient vs. Advanced Categories for Reading

Grade	Cut Score	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD	95% CI	1 SD
					Mean CSEM	Mean CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Minimum CSEM	Maximum CSEM	Maximum CSEM
3	768	9.9	9.1	10.7	(749, 787)	(758, 778)	(750, 786)	(759, 777)	(747, 789)	(757, 779)
4	754	7.8	7.4	8.4	(739, 769)	(746, 762)	(739, 769)	(747, 761)	(738, 770)	(746, 762)
5	728	8.0	7.2	9	(712, 744)	(720, 736)	(714, 742)	(721, 735)	(710, 746)	(719, 737)
6	745	6.6	6.1	7	(732, 758)	(738, 752)	(733, 757)	(739, 751)	(731, 759)	(738, 752)
7	739	7.5	7.1	7.9	(724, 754)	(731, 747)	(725, 753)	(732, 746)	(724, 754)	(731, 747)
8	731	7.8	7.2	8.5	(716, 746)	(723, 739)	(717, 745)	(724, 738)	(714, 748)	(722, 740)

Summary and Recommendations

This study explored two methods of obtaining the PARCC equivalent scores of the MSA cut scores for grades 3 to 8 math and reading/English tests. One method used propensity score matching to come up with equivalent groups between students taking MSA in 2014 and PARCC in 2015. One to one without replacement matching with the caliper value of 0.25 was used in this study. The absolute standardized mean difference values for each covariate indicated the matched samples were equivalent on these covariates. Based on the equivalent groups, equipercentile linking was carried out to map the MSA scores on the PARCC scale.

The other method used MSA impact data from 2004 to 2012 test administrations. The percentages of students classified in basic, proficient and advanced levels by MSA cut scores were extrapolated for 2015 MSA math and reading tests. Then, the extrapolated 2015 MSA classification rates for each performance level were mapped to the PARCC scale.

Table 3.1 summarizes the mapped PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores based on both methods. The PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores produced in Option I were consistently higher than the mapped PARCC cut scores in Option II. This is due to the use of different data in conducting these two analyses. In Option I, equivalent student groups were built based on data from 2014 and 2013 MSA test administrations. As State assessment professionals have indicated, students' performance in 2013 and 2014 MSA test administrations dropped due to the introduction of PARCC and new learning materials, it is reasonable that the PARCC equivalents of MSA cut scores mapped from 2014 and 2013 student population tend to be higher than the PARCC equivalent cut scores obtained in Option II where only data from 2004 to 2012 test administrations were used to remove the impact of the introduction of PARCC and new curricula.

Applying the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores using PSM, the percentages of students fall in basic, proficient and advanced were calculated. To summarize and compare the two analytical approaches, historical classification rates, classification rates calculated based on mapped PARCC cut score in Option I, and the extrapolated classification rates in Option II are presented in Table 3.2. Compared with the classification rates produced from Option I, the classification rates from Option II were more consistent with the historical trend in classification rates from 2004 to 2012 MSA test administrations when students' performance was not impacted by the PARCC and new "Common Core" curricula starting from 2013.

Table 3.1

MSA Cut Scores and PARCC Equivalent Scores Using Each Method

Grade	Math						Reading/ELA					
	Scale Score for Being Proficient			Scale Score for Being Advanced			Scale Score for Being Proficient			Scale Score for Being Advanced		
	MSA	PARCC Option I	PARCC Option II	MSA	PARCC Option I	PARCC Option II	MSA	PARCC Option I	PARCC Option II	MSA	PARCC Option I	PARCC Option II
3	379	713	690	441	770	736	388	703	700	456	721	768
4	374	710	708	433	757	731	371	707	691	437	765	754
5	392	720	697	453	772	748	384	701	699	425	739	728
6	396	723	697	447	765	738	381	709	706	421	746	745
7	396	729	708	451	764	744	385	706	700	425	745	739
8	407	730	703	444	768	735	391	711	681	425	751	731

Table 3.2

Historical Classification Rates for 2004-2014 MSA and the Mapped 2015 PARCC Classification Rates for Grades 3 to 8 Math and Reading Tests

Grade	Year	Math			Reading/English			
		Basic	Proficient	Advanced	Basic	Proficient	Advanced	
3	2004	27.75%	52.31%	19.94%	28.99%	58.47%	12.55%	
	2005	23.17%	51.21%	25.62%	24.14%	58.21%	17.64%	
	2006	20.89%	54.29%	24.82%	21.75%	63.15%	15.10%	
	2007	21.41%	53.77%	24.83%	19.46%	60.30%	20.25%	
	2008	17.40%	55.91%	26.69%	17.01%	66.12%	16.87%	
	2009	15.66%	55.50%	28.84%	15.09%	62.97%	21.94%	
	2010	13.98%	51.87%	34.15%	16.03%	62.80%	21.17%	
	2011	13.72%	50.89%	35.38%	14.90%	64.58%	20.53%	
	2012	12.24%	49.03%	38.74%	14.98%	64.44%	20.58%	
	Option I: PSM & Equipercntile Link							
	2013	17.84%	53.29%	28.87%	17.38%	60.49%	22.13%	
	2014	25.83%	54.79%	19.39%	22.81%	62.34%	14.85%	
	2015	25.63%	56.13%	18.25%	22.43%	62.37%	15.21%	
	Option II: Extrapolation							
	2013	10.90%	47.20%	41.90%	13.13%	64.69%	22.18%	
2014	9.87%	44.40%	45.73%	12.48%	64.87%	22.65%		
2015	8.94%	41.18%	49.88%	11.89%	65.02%	23.09%		
4	2004	30.43%	49.56%	20.01%	24.93%	59.31%	15.76%	
	2005	23.53%	49.52%	26.95%	19.04%	63.28%	17.69%	
	2006	17.91%	49.92%	32.17%	18.20%	58.63%	23.17%	
	2007	14.04%	47.99%	37.98%	13.95%	61.24%	24.81%	
	2008	11.44%	46.16%	42.40%	11.51%	60.55%	27.94%	
	2009	10.79%	44.32%	44.89%	13.36%	59.88%	26.76%	
	2010	9.80%	43.62%	46.59%	12.59%	57.91%	29.50%	
	2011	9.68%	40.60%	49.72%	11.32%	59.28%	29.40%	
	2012	10.13%	38.64%	51.23%	10.16%	55.63%	34.21%	
	Option I: PSM & Equipercntile Link							
	2013	11.21%	42.06%	46.73%	11.76%	58.40%	29.83%	
	2014	19.38%	48.41%	32.22%	13.69%	55.50%	30.82%	
	2015	24.20%	51.59%	24.21%	17.09%	58.11%	24.80%	
	Option II: Extrapolation							
	2013	8.48%	39.95%	51.57%	9.23%	57.24%	33.53%	
2014	8.03%	40.72%	51.25%	8.61%	56.75%	34.64%		
2015	7.64%	42.19%	50.17%	8.05%	56.27%	35.68%		
5	2004	36.88%	50.43%	12.69%	31.64%	39.79%	28.57%	
	2005	30.80%	51.95%	17.25%	25.69%	44.43%	29.88%	
	2006	26.62%	54.15%	19.22%	23.42%	42.85%	33.73%	
	2007	21.73%	57.57%	20.70%	23.31%	43.61%	33.09%	
	2008	19.48%	55.12%	25.40%	13.30%	35.71%	50.99%	
	2009	18.78%	56.08%	25.14%	10.48%	39.94%	49.59%	

	2010	16.85%	57.88%	25.27%	10.60%	36.15%	53.25%
	2011	17.74%	59.43%	22.82%	9.78%	34.45%	55.77%
	2012	14.66%	54.82%	30.52%	10.06%	34.89%	55.05%
	Option I: PSM & Equipercntile Link						
	2013	19.14%	55.54%	25.32%	11.56%	31.80%	56.64%
	2014	27.17%	52.89%	19.94%	11.05%	34.53%	54.42%
	2015	35.84%	52.21%	11.95%	12.62%	34.84%	52.54%
	Option II: Extrapolation						
	2013	13.76%	57.08%	29.15%	7.85%	32.03%	60.12%
	2014	12.80%	57.07%	30.13%	6.79%	31.15%	62.06%
	2015	11.92%	57.02%	31.05%	5.83%	30.55%	63.62%
	2004	49.72%	39.09%	11.19%	31.66%	37.94%	30.40%
	2005	39.88%	45.16%	14.97%	29.72%	39.08%	31.20%
	2006	34.33%	46.93%	18.74%	28.18%	37.66%	34.16%
	2007	28.12%	48.33%	23.56%	23.44%	43.63%	32.93%
	2008	24.19%	43.97%	31.84%	18.21%	38.85%	42.94%
	2009	23.99%	46.99%	29.03%	16.56%	43.26%	40.18%
	2010	20.16%	50.14%	29.70%	13.88%	42.84%	43.29%
	2011	19.02%	48.87%	32.11%	16.21%	41.02%	42.77%
6	2012	16.95%	47.57%	35.48%	15.52%	42.69%	41.79%
	Option I: PSM & Equipercntile Link						
	2013	22.89%	47.99%	29.12%	15.90%	40.64%	43.46%
	2014	32.19%	46.44%	21.38%	16.79%	39.47%	43.75%
	2015	39.67%	44.72%	15.61%	18.21%	40.75%	41.04%
	Option II: Extrapolation						
	2013	15.15%	46.79%	38.06%	14.60%	42.70%	42.70%
	2014	13.71%	46.21%	40.08%	15.30%	42.46%	42.24%
	2015	12.40%	45.59%	42.01%	16.56%	42.06%	41.38%
	2004	50.17%	39.72%	10.12%	32.98%	41.07%	25.94%
	2005	44.63%	41.56%	13.82%	32.80%	39.03%	28.17%
	2006	39.89%	44.21%	15.90%	28.92%	45.01%	26.07%
	2007	38.74%	43.32%	17.93%	29.82%	40.71%	29.47%
	2008	31.78%	46.52%	21.70%	18.83%	38.32%	42.85%
	2009	28.02%	48.97%	23.02%	18.25%	38.09%	43.66%
	2010	27.42%	49.23%	23.35%	18.18%	36.76%	45.06%
	2011	25.67%	48.91%	25.42%	15.95%	40.64%	43.41%
7	2012	23.68%	49.45%	26.87%	18.85%	35.49%	45.66%
	Option I: PSM & Equipercntile Link						
	2013	27.39%	49.30%	23.31%	15.00%	36.86%	48.14%
	2014	36.89%	43.47%	19.64%	21.21%	35.95%	42.84%
	2015	50.78%	40.40%	8.82%	21.15%	34.90%	43.94%
	Option II: Extrapolation						
	2013	22.68%	50.54%	26.78%	16.52%	35.65%	47.83%
	2014	22.32%	50.57%	27.11%	16.82%	34.42%	48.76%
	2015	22.50%	51.51%	27.14%	17.60%	33.07%	49.33%

	2004	54.28%	28.86%	16.86%	36.14%	43.02%	20.83%
	2005	48.26%	32.90%	18.84%	33.58%	42.48%	23.94%
	2006	44.93%	32.54%	22.54%	32.99%	43.03%	23.98%
	2007	43.30%	31.69%	25.01%	31.74%	44.33%	23.94%
	2008	38.15%	32.83%	29.02%	27.18%	38.70%	34.12%
	2009	34.22%	37.13%	28.65%	19.85%	43.25%	36.90%
	2010	34.57%	35.89%	29.54%	19.62%	35.54%	44.84%
	2011	33.95%	33.66%	32.39%	17.29%	36.85%	45.86%
8	2012	30.74%	36.17%	33.09%	19.22%	36.63%	44.16%
Option I: PSM & Equipercentile Link							
	2013	32.98%	36.42%	30.60%	18.96%	34.91%	46.13%
	2014	41.28%	32.81%	25.91%	23.11%	36.56%	40.33%
	2015	60.89%	25.25%	13.86%	24.43%	36.13%	39.44%
Option II: Extrapolation							
	2013	31.22%	34.85%	33.93%	13.43%	35.61%	50.96%
	2014	31.31%	34.42%	34.27%	10.84%	34.64%	54.52%
	2015	31.92%	33.79%	34.29%	8.25%	33.67%	58.08%

Note: In Option I, the classification rates for 2013 and 2014 were provided by MSDE, and the classification rates in 2015 were based on the mapped PARCC cut scores using PSM and equipercentile linking. In Option II, the classification rates for 2013, 2014 and 2015 were rates extrapolated with the prediction functions obtained by fitting with the classification rates from 2004 to 2012.

Using PSM (Option I), six intervals were constructed around each cut score: 95% confidence intervals and one standard deviation above and below the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores using mean CSEM, minimum CSEM the maximum CSEM at the PARCC equivalent scores. For Math tests, all intervals constructed for being proficient captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3, except for the one SD intervals for grade 4 and grade 3. However, for the PARCC equivalents of the MSA cut scores for being advanced, the intervals failed to capture either the PARCC cut score between performance levels 3 vs. 4 or 4 vs. 5. For ELA tests, none of the intervals constructed for being proficient captured the PARCC cut score of 725 between performance levels 2 vs. 3, except for the 95% intervals for grade 8 and the 95% interval with the maximum CSEM for grade 3. For the PARCC equivalents of MSA scale scores for advanced, however, all the 95% intervals were able to capture the PARCC cut score between performance levels 3 vs. 4.

Using extrapolation (Option II), similar intervals were also constructed. For math tests, all of the 95% C.I.s around the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores of basic vs. proficient captured the PARCC cut score of 700 between performance levels 1 vs. 2; and the 95% C.I.s constructed around the PARCC equivalents of MSA cut scores between proficient vs. advanced captured the PARCC cut score of 750 between performance levels 3 vs. 4 except for grade 4. For PARCC ELA tests, most of the intervals around the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores of basic vs. proficient captured 700. For the mapped PARCC equivalent cut scores of proficient vs. advanced, the intervals for grades 5 and 8 only captured the PARCC cut score of 725, while the intervals for grades 3, 4, 6 and 7 only captured the PARCC cut score of 750.

Given the consistence of the percentages of students classified into different performance levels by the cut scores obtained by the extrapolation method (Option II), the cut scores yielded from Option II are recommended over those obtained from PSM (Option I), that is, using a PARCC scale score of 700 as the cut score between the basic vs. proficient categories, and 750 as the cut score between the proficient vs. advanced categories for grades 3 to 8 for both PARCC MATH and ELA tests.

However, the cut scores obtained from the extrapolation method were all lower than those obtained from PSM. If higher performance standards are expected for the new PARCC tests, given the cut scores obtained from PSM and its alignment with the PARCC cut scores for different performance levels, the following cut scores could be adopted, that is, using a PARCC scale score of 725 as the cut score between the basic vs. proficient categories, and a PARCC scale score of 750 as the cut score between the proficient vs. advanced categories for grades 3 to 8 for both PARCC MATH and ELA tests.

The final adoption of cut scores obtained in this study depends on considerations from policy, and practical perspectives in addition to the empirical evidence provided by psychometric analyses carried out in this study.

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Appendix A

Equating Program - LEGS 2.0.1

File Window

Frequency Distributions as Input | Raw Scores as Input

Y Form :
Alphanumeric Identifier : File : ...

X Form :
Alphanumeric Identifier : File : ...

Subgroups :
Number of Subgroups :
List of subgroups :

Correlations
combined group :
Correlation for the subgroups :

Equipercntile Smoothing
slim :
Number of Smoothing Values :
List of Smoothing Values :

Truncation
Lowest Valid Score(Y) :
Highest Valid Score(Y) :
Truncation :

Options
remsd_wts :
eeinput :

Appendix B

PARCC Cut Scores

Grade	MATH				ELA			
	1 vs. 2	2 vs. 3	3 vs. 4	4 vs. 5	1 vs. 2	2 vs. 3	3 vs. 4	4 vs. 5
3	700	725	750	790	700	725	750	810
4	700	725	750	796	700	725	750	790
5	700	725	750	790	700	725	750	799
6	700	725	750	788	700	725	750	790
7	700	725	750	786	700	725	750	785
8	700	725	750	801	700	725	750	794

Appendix C

