Comparison of Testing Times - PARCC and OAA/OGT

PARCC ELA/ Literacy and Mathematics Assessments					
Grade	**Number of Sessions**	**Total Testing Time**	**Number of Sessions**	**Estimated Testing Time***	**Net Increase in Testing***
3	3	7 hrs., 30 min	9	8 hrs	30 min
4	2	5 hrs.	9	9 hrs., 20 min	4 hrs., 20 min
5	2	5 hrs.	9	9 hrs., 20 min	4 hrs., 20 min
6	2	5 hrs.	9	9 hrs., 25 min	4 hrs., 25 min
7	2	5 hrs.	9	9 hrs., 25 min	4 hrs., 25 min
8	2	5 hrs.	9	9 hrs., 25 min	4 hrs., 25 min
9	NA	NA	5	5 hrs., 55 min	5 hrs., 55 min
10	2	5 hrs.	5	5 hrs., 55 min	55 min
11	NA	NA	5	5 hrs., 55 min	5 hrs., 55 min
Algebra 1 EOC	NA	NA	4	3 hrs., 50 min	3 hrs., 50 min
Geometry EOC	NA	NA	4	3 hrs., 50 min	3 hrs., 50 min
Algebra 2 EOC	NA	NA	4	4 hrs	4 hrs.

*Testing for PARCC assessments will also include a set amount of additional time yet to be determined in order to provide all students with ample time to demonstrate knowledge and skills. This may in turn also increase the number of testing days. In the coming months, PARCC will issue additional guidance regarding total testing time and number of testing days.

PARCC assessments require more testing time than the OAA and OGT that Ohio has been administering for several reasons.

- The PARCC assessments are designed to measure whether students have mastered the full range of the Common Core State Standards, which are deeper than Ohio's previous standards.
- The PARCC assessments are designed to measure the full range of student performance in ways not seen on traditional assessments. This results in more reliable scores for all students and more useful information for parents, educators, and schools.
- PARCC assessments ask students to apply their knowledge much like is done in the classroom. For example, writing will be assessed at every grade and will require students to analyze text and use that information to craft a written response. These assessments are designed to provide more information about student performance than traditional writing assessments.