



## **Guidance for Using the Released Traditional Pathway High School Practice Tests for the Integrated Mathematics Pathway**

Purpose: PARCC Practice Tests have been released for the traditional pathway (Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II). Although there are not practice tests for the integrated pathway (Math 1, Math 2 and Math 3), items from the traditional pathway can be used for instruction in integrated courses. On the answer sheets for the Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II practice tests, there is a column indicating the course in which each item would be assessed within the integrated pathway.

Items are identical or similar in the two pathways, but vary based on the content in each course as outlined in the Model Content Frameworks.

<http://www.parcconline.org/resources/educator-resources/model-content-frameworks/mathematics-model-content-framework>

For example, in the functions domain, the evidence statement may be nearly the same, but the limits on the functions provides a difference. F-IF.9-1 limits functions to linear functions, quadratic functions, square root functions, cube root functions, piecewise-defined functions and exponential functions with domain in the integers and is assessed in Algebra I. Whereas F-IF.9-4 limits functions to quadratic functions and exponential functions and is assessed in Math 2.

Students following in the integrated pathways will benefit from using the appropriate practice test items, as indicated in the answer document from the traditional pathway. Students will have the opportunity to see how the content is assessed and practice with the PARCC assessment platform.