

Testing Multiple Grades in the Same Testing Room

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English Language Arts and Mathematics (PARCC)
Science and Social Studies

The purpose of this document is to provide guidance for schools that wish to schedule multiple testing groups of students in the same testing room at the same time.

Schools may schedule different groups of students in the same room at the same time, provided that the Unit/Section Testing Time and administration script are the same. For example, for the English Language Arts/Literacy Unit 1, students in grades 6, 7 and 8 may be combined into the same testing environment because all grades have the same Unit Testing Time and use the same administration script. Grade 3 ELA and math paper-based testing (PBT) must be separate from grades 4 and 5 (PBT) because the directions differ due to different testing materials (grade 3 has consumable test booklets, but grades 4 and 5 have test books and answer documents). However, grade 3 ELA and math computer-based testing (CBT) can take place in the same environment as grades 4 and 5 (CBT) as the directions and materials are the same.

While many options exist for combining multiple testing groups of students in the same testing room, a **separate** testing environment is needed for:

- Paper-based and computer-based (administration scripts are different)
- ELA/L and mathematics (testing times and administration scripts are different)
- Directions read aloud in a language other than English (PARCC top 10 languages PDF on Avocet)
- Spanish administration of mathematics, science, and social studies
- Colorado Spanish Language Arts (CSLA) assessment and ELA/L (administration scripts are different)
- Science/social studies and ELA/mathematics (testing times and administration scripts are different)
- Paper-based science and social studies (materials and administration scripts are different)
- High school science and elementary/middle school science/social studies (testing times are different)

Guidance on which grades can be combined into the same testing room is provided in the following tables:

English Language Arts/Literacy

ELA/L Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3 (CBT), ¹ Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	110
	Grade 9	110
Unit 2	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	110
	Grade 9	110
Unit 3	Grade 3 (CBT), ¹ Grade 4, Grade 5	90
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	90
	Grade 9	90

¹Grade 3 PBT ELA/L cannot be administered in the same room as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions. However, the CBT for grades 3-5 can be administered in the same testing environment.

Colorado Spanish Language Arts

CSLA Unit	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3, Grade 4	90
Unit 2 ²	Grade 3	75
	Grade 4	90
Unit 3	Grade 3, Grade 4	90
Unit 4	Grade 3, Grade 4	90

²Grades 3 and 4 CSLA Unit 2 cannot be administered in the same room due to different Unit Testing Times.

Mathematics

Mathematics Units 1-4 can be administered together for grades 3-5. Units 2 and 3 can be administered together for the grade bands listed below.

Math Unit	Grades/Courses that May Be Grouped Together	Unit Testing Time (minutes)
Unit 1	Grade 3 (CBT), ³ Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 8	80
	Grade 7 (<i>non-calculator/calculator unit</i>) ⁴	80
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Integrated I, II, III (<i>non-calculator/calculator unit</i>)	90
Unit 2	Grade 3 (CBT), ³ Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	80
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Integrated I, II, III	90
Unit 3	Grade 3 (CBT), ³ Grade 4, Grade 5	60
	Grade 6, Grade 7, Grade 8	80
	Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II Integrated I, II, III	90
Unit 4	Grade 3 (CBT), ³ Grade 4, Grade 5	60

³Grade 3 PBT Mathematics cannot be administered in the same room as grades 4 and 5 due to the difference in test materials causing differences in directions. However, the CBT for grades 3-5 can be administered in the same testing environment.

⁴While the Unit 1 Testing Time is the same for grades 6-8, grade 7 cannot test Unit 1 with grades 6 and 8 as the directions differ.

Science and Social Studies

Science and Social Studies Sections 2 and 3 can be administered together, by grade bands listed below, as the sections have the same directions and testing times.

Sci/SS Section	Grades that May Be Grouped Together	Section Testing Time (minutes)
Section 1	Grade 4 and 7 Social Studies (CBT), ⁵ Grade 5 and 8 Science	80
	High School Science	60
Section 2	Grade 4 and 7 Social Studies (CBT), ⁵ Grade 5 and 8 Science	80
	High School Science	60
Section 3	Grade 4 and 7 Social Studies (CBT), ⁵ Grade 5 and 8 Science	80
	High School Science	60

⁵Paper-based social studies tests cannot be administered in the same room as paper-based science tests as the test materials and administration scripts are different (science has test books, but social studies has test books and source books).