Arkansas Communication Toolkit for PARCC Scores

The following is a valuable list of resources for parents and educators for understanding the PARCC scores.

General Resources

- PARCC Performance Levels
  http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/test_scores/PARCC/PARCC_Performance_Level_Descriptions.pdf

- Letter to Parents from Commissioner Key – Commissioner Key overviews the impact of the PARCC scores.
  http://www.arkansased.gov/news/326/letter-to-parents-from-ade-commissioner-johnny-key

- Video from Commissioner Key – Commissioner Key shares the letter to parents.
  http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/video-gallery/187/message-to-parents-about-the-2014-15-parcc-scores

- Understandthescore.org – The score report guide will help parents and educators understand the student's test report.
  http://understandthescore.org/score-report-guide/

- Understandthescore.org – The video walks through the score report step-by-step.
  http://understandthescore.org/help-your-child/resources-for-parents/

- FAQs – Find answers to questions about state assessments that are frequently asked by administrators, teachers and families.
  http://www.arkansased.gov/faqs/faq_categories/student-assessment

- Definitions of Common Assessment Terms – Find definitions of terms used in discussions regarding state assessments.
  http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/learning-services/assessment/definitions-of-common-terms

PARCC Results (English and Spanish)

- Parent Resources from PARCC – Find parent guides for ELA and Math score reports
  http://www.parcconline.org/resources/parent-resources

- Educator Resources from PARCC – Find guides for communicating with parents about the ELA and Math score reports.
  http://www.parcconline.org/resources/educator-resources

- Sample Test Items from PARCC – Find sample test items for elementary, middle and high school.
  http://www.parcconline.org/assessments/practice-tests

- Score Report Interpretation Guide
  http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/test_scores/PARCC/Score_Report_Interpretation_Guide_Final_1.pdf

Data Security
- The Arkansas Department of Education has an inherent responsibility to not only safeguard student data but also to equip stakeholders with the information needed to ensure data privacy. The ADE ensures all data is used in compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), ensuring only those with a legitimate educational interest have access to data.

- Arkansas has taken additional steps to safeguard student data. A new data privacy law was passed: The Student Online Personal Information Act (SOPIA) –
  http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly/2015/2015R/Acts/Act1196.pdf. The new law governs how online service providers can collect, access, and use student data and prohibits online service providers from using student data for commercial or secondary purposes, while still allowing for personalized learning and service innovation and improvement.

- In addition, the IT Security Policy was updated in order to stay on the forefront of data privacy and security. The IT Security Policy requires districts to plan, document, deploy, and monitor IT security mechanisms, policies, procedures, and technologies necessary to prevent disclosure, modification or denial of sensitive information.
  https://adedata.arkansas.gov/security/pdf/IT_Security_Policy_2015.pdf

- Data Quality Campaign
  https://static.ark.org/eeuploads/lt-gov/Empowering_AR_with_the_Power_of_Education_Data.pdf