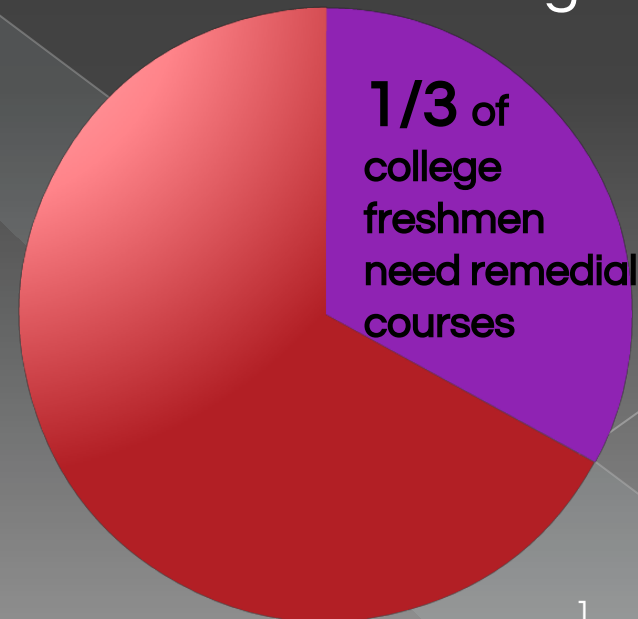
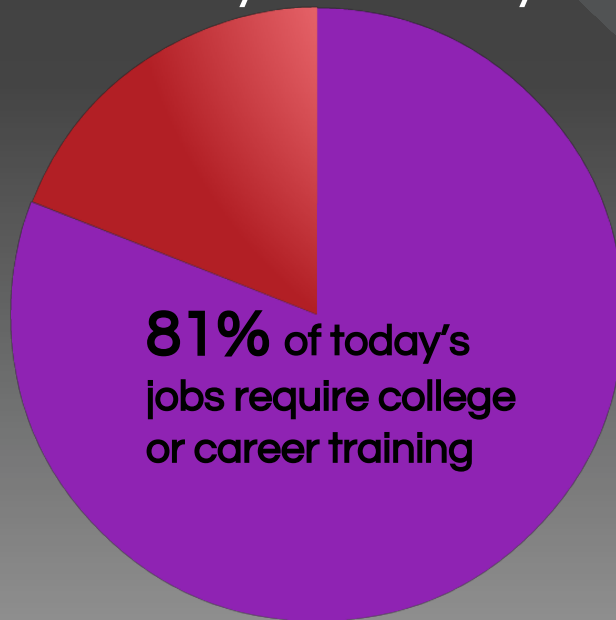


Why New Assessments Now?

We have to prepare all students for college or other postsecondary opportunities:

- A high school diploma isn't enough in our 21st century economy
- Our K–12 system is not adequately preparing students for college



How Will PARCC Be Different?

Students: Will know if they are on track to graduate ready for college/careers

Teachers: Will have access to timely data to guide learning and instruction

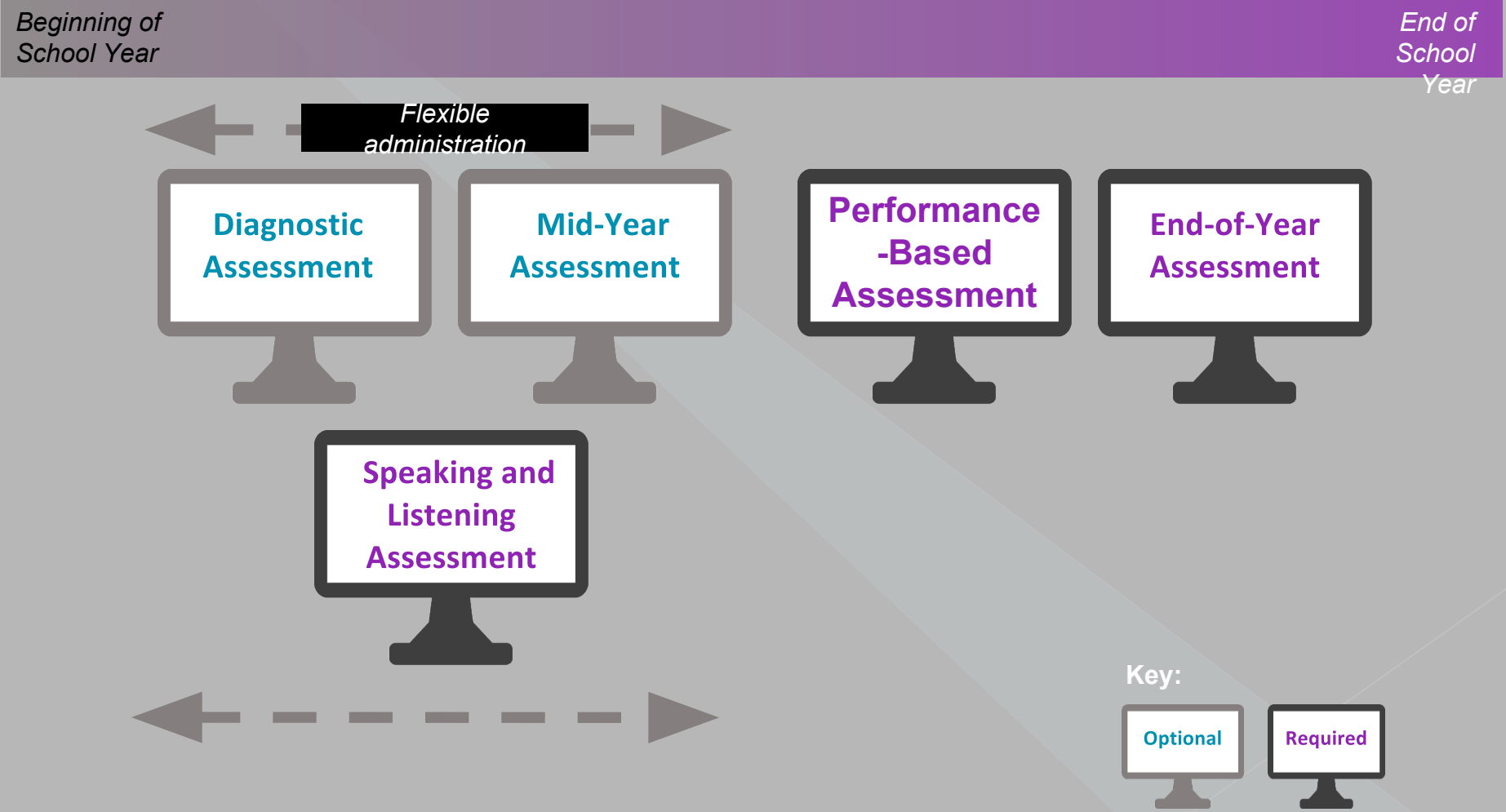
Parents: Will have clear and timely information about student progress

States: Will have valid results that are comparable across borders



PARCC Assessments

ELA/Literacy and Mathematics, Grades 3–11



Common Core Myths vs Facts

- **Myth:** The standards only include skills and not content knowledge.
- **Fact:** The standards recognize that both content and skills are important.

***Decisions are made at the state and local levels.

***The standards require that students knowledge in literature and other disciplines are taught through **reading, writing, speaking, and listening.**

Common Core Myths vs Facts

- **Myth:** No teachers were involved in writing the standards.
- **Fact:** The Common Core drafting process relied on teachers and standards experts from across the country. In addition, many state experts came together to create the most thoughtful and transparent process of standard setting. This was only made possible by many states working together.

Common Core Myths vs Facts

- **Myth:** The standards are not based on research or evidence.
- **Fact:** The standards have made careful use of evidence. The evidence includes research, surveys on skills required of students entering college and the workforce.

What is Blanchester Middle School doing to adapt to changes?

- Purchased 30 chrome books for each grade level to teach computer skills and to do online testing
- Adapted the SFA programs for both Reading and Math
- Achieve 3000 and SRI websites are used to measure reading lexile levels.
- Quarterly 4Sight testing for students that correlate with new PARCC tests