Do your students know about CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE?

Online testing with **PARCC** will most likely include questions which require a **CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE**. **CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE-type questions** are questions that the students have had experience with in the past.

However, the fact that they will be keyboarding their answer into an answer window adds a new dimension to their traditional testing experience. The student must read a passage and then key and submit their response. Depending on the nature of the question, sometimes certain word processing features (such as grammar check, spell check, etc.) **may be disabled**. In addition, a **RUBRIC** may be included. The student may navigate to the rubric to review the criteria for grading.

Here is an example of a **CONSTUCTED RESPONSE**-type question:

Directions: Read the passage below. Explain why you think after school programs are important. Type your response in the box below.

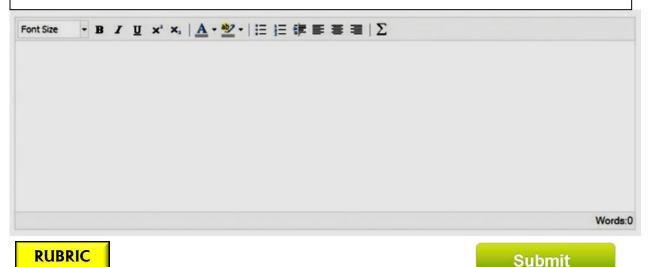
After the Bell

Each year, about 10 million children in the United States spend time in programs after school. Children learn new skills and how to live healthy lives.

Sports programs are some of the most popular kinds of after-school activities. Playing sports can help children feel good about themselves. Children exercise and practice teamwork. They also learn new skills.

Music lessons are also offered after school. Children learn how to listen well and how to remember what they hear. These skills can help them succeed in their classrooms.

Lastly, participating in scout troops helps children learn how to help others. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts learn how to be good friends and how to serve the community. When scouts learn new skills, they receive badges as rewards.



In this example, the student would keyboard their response in the word processing window. As you can see from the menu bar, students have the ability to change *font size; bold; italics; underline; use super- or subscripts; change fonts; highlight to select; bullet; number; indent; change alignment; and use a basic mathematical formula* (Σ); however, *spell check and grammar check are not available.*

Help your students prepare for PARCC testing:

- 1. Encourage your students to practice their keyboarding skills: type, type, type!
- 2. Help them practice their proofreading skills, grammar skills, and spelling skills.

Show them this example of a CONSTRUCTED RESPONSE question. For questions about PARCC and to view more sample questions, visit: http://www.parcconline.org.