

Office of Assessment Weekly Update #5 September 2, 2016

Happy September! Where did August go?

Upcoming Events

Smarter Balanced System Webinars: There are three scheduled webinars on specific elements of the Smarter Balanced system. Dates, times, webinar descriptions and the link for the first webinar are below. Pre-registration is not needed. Webinars will be recorded and posted to the assessment website within 10 days after the webinar.

Technology Preparation for Online Testing : September 12, 2016, 2-3 pm central. This training provides an overview of the technology requirements needed to prepare for the administration of the online Smarter Balanced Assessment.

1. Please join my meeting.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/890658717>

2. Use your microphone and speakers (VoIP) - a headset is recommended. Or, call in using your telephone.

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Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) September 19, 2016, 2-3 pm central. This training provides an overview of the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) system. After viewing this training, you should become familiar with managing user accounts, managing student test settings, creating appeals, and creating rosters that can be used to view test data in the Online Reporting System.

Interim Assessment System: September 27, 2016 2 – 3 pm central. The training will provide an overview of the Test Delivery System (TDS), Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) and the Interim Assessment Viewing Application (AVA). After viewing the training, you should be able to administer interim assessments and understand the basics of the AVA and Hand Scoring Systems. Further information on the use of the Interim Assessments will be covered during the October 7, 2016 workshop.

Workshops

Interim Assessment Workshop: Oct 7, 2016 MacKay Building, Pierre, SD Room: Library commons 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The workshop will provide specific details on how to set up the administration of interim assessment as well how to use the Teacher Handscoring System. Participants will learn how to use the Interim Blueprints to decide which blocks can inform instruction as well as how to interpret the various reports available once Interim Assessments are scored.

Fall Assessment Workshops: the week of October 17-21 across the state

These workshops will focus on connecting student data, assessments, curriculum and instruction. This has been designed to provide some proactive tips to address Frequently Asked Questions from last year's assessment administration, and includes information that may be valuable to a variety of

education professionals including: assessment directors, infinite campus contacts, curriculum directors, and administrators. Teams of three to four from a district are encouraged to attend and there will be an opportunity for participants to **develop a plan of shared responsibility for assessment administration**. More details on the specific date and location near your district are found in Upcoming Workshops and Webinars area of the website <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/> . Registration is required through [GoSignMeUp!](#) for “Fall Assessment and Accountability Workshop” under Assessment.

New Assessment Coordinator Workshop: All presentations from the workshop are posted at the [New Coordinator Workshop](#) link.

English Language Learners: New enrollees whose home language survey indicates a language other than English must be given the [W-APT](#) to determine language proficiency. W-APT stands for WIDA-ACCESS Placement Test™. The W-APT helps educators determine whether or not a child is in need of English language instructional services. For more information please contact Yutzil Becker at yutzil.becker@state.sd.us or call her at 605-773-4698.

DSTEP Science and DSTEP Science Alt: The DSTEP assessments have been retired. New South Dakota Science Assessments (**SDSA** and **SDSA Alt**) will be field tested this spring with items aligned to the content expectations in the [2015 Science Standards](#). The blueprint is under development and will be posted when finalized.

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress): NAEP for reading and math will be administered to most 4th and 8th grade students in 2017. Information on the [NAEP administration and temporary assessment administrator jobs](#) are available. Schools in the NAEP sample have been notified but if there are questions, please contact Mike Rickert, Michael.Rickert@state.sd.us.

Smarter Balanced Updates:

New Coordinators: Please email Jan Martin, jan.martin@state.sd.us to set up your Smarter Balanced account.

Provisioning Users: District level users are assigned by the SD DOE. Once district users have access to the system, they can add and delete other users at the local level. District level users need to review accounts and delete accounts for staff no longer working for the district. All users will need to set up a new password for the portal, <http://sd.portal.airast.org>.

Smarter Balanced Secure Browser: For devices using Windows, MAC, or Linux operating systems, the [secure browser](#) is ready to be updated. Browsers must be updated to version 9.0 as support for the 2015-16 browser ends August 29.

Interim Assessments: Come online **Sept. 7, 2016**. Student information will be loaded from Infinite Campus into TIDE starting the last week in August. It may take up to two business days for changes in the state edition of Infinite Campus to show up in the TIDE system. The Office of Assessment will sponsor an Interim Assessment Workshop on October 7, 2016 in Pierre. More information and registration is in [GoSignMeUp!](#)

South Dakota Assessment Portal (SDAP):

Please contact Chris Booth, Christina.booth@state.sd.us to add or delete users for SDAP. If a person has retired or moved out of state, their account should be deleted. If a teacher or administrator has moved to another district, their account should be transferred to the new district. If a staff member has a name

change or new email account, their account needs to be updated with the correct email address; otherwise the educator will not have access. All of the updates are necessary in order to maintain the security of the student data in the system.

New for SY 16-17: Weekly updates will be archived on the SD DOE website: <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/weekly.aspx> . The [SD DOE Assessment website](#) and assessment portals also remain important sources of information.

Student Reports: Overviews of reporting requirements are posted under [Parent Communication](#) on the DOE assessment website. At this time, just achievement reports are available. Student growth reports for students in grades 4- 8 in 2015-16 with two years of test scores will be distributed to school districts in a secure manner mid to late September.

- DSTEP Science/Science Alt, MSAA and SBAC reports are available in [SDAP](#) in the Reporting area. [Help Guides](#) provide directions for accessing and printing reports.
- Smarter Balanced student reports are also available through the Smarter Balanced Online Reporting System (ORS). Directions for batch printing can be found on the [Smarter Balanced page](#). These reports are more comprehensive than the reports found in SDAP.
- MSAA student, school and district reports will be available on the [MSAA](#) portal from August 19 – September 19. More details on accessing the reports is posted on the [MSAA](#) page. Feel free to contact Ben Morrison, ben.morrison@state.sd.us, for more details.

New Assessment Coordinator Workshop: All presentations from the workshop are posted at the [New Coordinator Workshop](#) link.

DOE Staff Contacts:

Jan Martin, Jan.Martin@state.sd.us, is the administrator of the assessment office, and the primary contact for the Smarter Balanced summative assessment system.

Joe Moran, Joe.Moran@state.sd.us , oversees work with the Digital Library and Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Mike Rickert, Michael.Rickert@state.sd.us, oversees home school testing and serves as the NAEP State Coordinator. More details on what test will be provided by SD DOE for grades 4, 8, and 11 will be forthcoming.

Chris Booth, Christina.Booth@state.sd.us, oversees the Science Assessments and services provided within the South Dakota Assessment Portal (eMetric).