

## Office of Assessment Weekly Update #8 September 23, 2016

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> day of fall!

### Assessment Q & A:

**Question:** What is happening with the DSTEP science test?

**Answer:** The DSTEP science test is retired. The Office of Assessment is working on a transition plan for science assessments with items to be field-tested this spring based on alignment to the Disciplinary Core Ideas Progressions found in [Appendix A](#) of the 2015 Science Standards. The test will be administered online as in the past within the same test window of late March through most of April. More details will be coming as soon as the Office of Assessment finalizes the scope of work with a vendor.

**Digital Library:** We are pleased to announce the first Play List in the Smarter Balanced Digital Library. The intention of a Play List is to connect content areas and skills from the Interim Assessment Blocks to useful formative resources in the Digital Library. The first Play List connects “Grade 7 Ratio and Proportion” and “Grade 7 Reading Literary Text” standards from the Grade 7 Interim Assessment Blocks to resources in the library aimed at enhancing an educator’s available arsenal of tools.

Links:

[Overview](#)

[Grade 7 Ratio and Proportion Play List](#)

[Grade 7 Reading Literary Text Play List](#)

### Upcoming Events

**Smarter Balanced System Webinars:** *Sept. 27, 2016 at 2-3 pm: Interim Assessment System and Delivery.* 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. **For more detail on the webinar and directions for attending, please go to [Workshops](#) on the Assessment main page.**

### Workshops

*Interim Assessment Workshop scheduled for Oct. 7, 2016 is full with a waiting list.* The Office of Assessment is looking for a date to schedule another interim assessment workshop in Pierre.

*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.

*Interpreting ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Reports for Instruction:* Sioux Falls, SD Nov. 1, 2016 Huron, SD Nov. 2, 2016 The ACCESS for ELLs Score Reports provide specific information on students' academic English language proficiency. Participants will examine the different types of reports, their connection to the WIDA English Language Development Standards Framework, and how these reports can serve as a tool to initiate discussion on instruction. This workshop is appropriate for K-12 staff invested in the education of language learners. Registration is required through [GoSignMeUp!](#) for "Interpreting ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Score Reports" under Assessment.

**Educator Opportunity:**

Smarter Balanced is looking for current ELA educators in public schools to participate in an ELA Stimulus Review to be held in Dallas, TX, November 6-7. All expenses will be paid for those chosen, including the cost of a substitute. South Dakota has been asked to send 4 teachers total; 1 each for grades 3-5, 6-8, HS, and someone for Accessibility. If you are interested in applying to participate in this opportunity, contact Chris Booth at [christina.booth@state.sd.us](mailto:christina.booth@state.sd.us). More information about the review can be found here: [Smarter Balanced Educator Opportunity](#).

**Smarter Balanced Updates:**

**Tip:** AIR Ways Reporting is a new feature of the portal designed to support teachers who use the interim assessments. The reporting features are just for completed interims that a teacher has administered. It is not a replacement to ORS and does not report on the summative tests. More details and the user manual will be added to the portal within the next three weeks.

**ACCESS 2.0 Results:**

Student results are still not posted in Campus as of today. The student score file as well as the file of students meeting the exit criteria have been submitted to Infinite Campus and are waiting for Campus to process them. In the meantime, ACCESS 2.0 data are in SD STARS as well as accessible through WIDA AMS. For those of you wanting to know if students have met the criteria for proficiency and no longer need services, please refer to [South Dakota Exit Criteria for ELLs](#).

**DOE Office of Assessment Staff Contacts:**

Jan Martin, [Jan.Martin@state.sd.us](mailto: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](mailto:Joe.Moran@state.sd.us), oversees work with the Digital Library and Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments.

Mike Rickert, [Michael.Rickert@state.sd.us](mailto: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](mailto:Christina.Booth@state.sd.us), oversees the Science Assessments and services provided within the South Dakota Assessment Portal (eMetric).