

Assessment News Alert- November 20, 2024

This message was sent to assessment coordinators and in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

SD-ELP (ACCESS Updates)

- **Test Materials.** SD DOE orders all materials for the ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS assessments. It is important to verify that all newly identified EL students are properly identified in Infinite Campus as EL students. SD DOE uses the data from Infinite Campus to generate the Pre-ID file.
 - Each district needs to ensure that their EL students are properly identified in Infinite Campus as English learners. Please ensure that you have verified your English learner data by **Friday, November 22, 2024.**
 - Students identified as EL students after November 22, 2024 will not be captured in the Pre-ID file upload and the district will need to follow the **New Student Upload Process.** More information about this is coming soon.
 - For more information on EL Data and campus, please see the [EL Data Elements in Infinite Campus Mini Manual.](#)

Other Assessment Updates

- **Upcoming Interim Assessment Virtual Trainings (share with your principals and teachers!).** This one-hour virtual training will provide educators an overview of the SD Interim Assessments. Click on the link below to register! Please share with your principals, elementary teachers, and math/ELA/science teachers.
[November 21 @ 11:00-12:00 CT \(10:00 – 11:00 MT\)](#)
- **MSAA Updates.**
 - On December 11, MSAA will roll out Testing Coordinator (TC) accounts, so they should be expecting an email on how to log in around that time.
 - Student enrollment within the system will take place between 12/11 and 1/8/25. Please double-check that students who take the alternate assessments are marked correctly in Infinite Campus.

- **Monthly Check-In with New Assessment Coordinators.** The Office of Assessment & Accountability plans to meet virtually with new Assessment Coordinators starting in January. These are open to all Assessment Coordinators, and are focused on preparing for the Summative Assessments. Below is the tentative schedule. Mark your calendars!
 - January 8: 10-11am CT (9-10 am MT)
 - February 13: 11am-12pm CT (10-11 am MT)
 - March 11: 11am-12pm CT (10-11 am MT)

Communication

If you have any questions about assessments, please feel free to email doeassessment@state.sd.us or reach out to us individually.

Our Assessment Team is looking forward to working with you this year!

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