



Special Education Fall Testing Updates

2012



Assessment Dates

- Large Print and Braille
 - Orders due November 30, 2012
 - Send to Linda.Turner@state.sd.us
- STEP-A labels will be printed for any student grades 4-8 & 11 who has previously been assessed on STEP-A
 - To receive labels for 3rd grade and any new STEP-A students, submit names by October 26, 2012
 - Send to Linda.Turner@state.sd.us



STEP-A Dates

- STEP-A
 - Order window: Nov. 19 – Dec. 14, 2012
 - Test Coordinators need to order in SchoolHouse
 - Training for teachers: Jan 7-10, 2012 across state
 - Let teachers know now so they can put it on their calendars
 - Materials arrive: Jan. 14-18, 2012
 - Administration: Feb. 4, 2012 to March 15, 2012



Accommodation Materials

- Accommodation Training Module:
<http://doe.sd.gov/oats/dakSTEP.asp> - under Documents on the right
 - LiveMeeting presentation on providing and documenting accommodations for statewide assessment posted on the web.
 - These trainings are targeted for teachers
 - Read aloud guidelines will be covered
- Sped Directors/Test Coordinators can request 11-12 DSTEP accommodations coded for district - email Linda



Accommodation Materials

- Revised Accommodation Manual dated Feb. 2012
 - Includes grid with instruction/STEP/NAEP accommodations

Assessment Adaptations Grid	Instruction	Statewide Assessment	NAEP
<p>Braille A Braille keyboard is used for typing Braille that can then be printed in standard print or Braille (embosser). The Braille keyboard is similar to a typewriter or computer keyboard. Paper is inserted into the Braille keyboard and multiple keys are pressed at once, creating Braille dots with each press.</p>  <p>Through an alternative computer port, newer Braille keyboards can simultaneously act as a speech synthesizer that reads the text displayed on the screen when paired with a screen reading program.</p>	Yes	Yes #11	Yes
<p>Breaks Breaks may be given at predetermined intervals or after completion of assignments, tests, or activities. Sometimes a student is allowed to take breaks when individually needed.</p>	Yes	Yes #19	Yes



Writing Formative Assessments

- State writing tests for grades 5, 7, and 10:
 - Write to Learn
 - Writing Alternate
 - For students who take STEP-A unless IEP says student will participate in Write to Learn assessment
- Testing window is Sept. 2012 to April 2013
- Two test administrations are required during the window



Writing Formative Assessments

- Write to Learn:
<http://www.doe.sd.gov/oats/writetolearn.aspx>
 - Accommodations listed in Writing Test Coordinator Handbook
- Writing Alternate:
<http://www.doe.sd.gov/oats/AltAssessment.aspx>
 - Training materials
 - Assessment
 - Enter scores online



Assessment Reports

- Step-A reports can be printed from assessment tab in Campus
- Writing Alternate reports
 - Rubric from each administration is the report



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Timeline

- Winter 2012:
 - Release Graduated Understandings in Math
 - COPs pilot Math Instructional Modules
- Spring 2013
 - Release Math Instructional Modules
 - Release Graduated Understandings in Reading
 - COPs pilot ELA Instructional Modules
 - Field test Math assessment items



Timeline

- Fall 2013:
 - Release ELA Instructional Modules
 - Field test ELA assessment items
- Spring 2014
 - Full item field testing
- Spring 2015
 - Full implementation and assessment

**Professional development will begin in winter of 2012 and ongoing – most will be web based



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