

## Office of Assessment Weekly Update #7 September 16, 2016

Fall is here and many of you have been enjoying hectic Homecoming weeks. Hope all the students had a safe and fun week

**New for SY 16-17:** Weekly updates will be archived on the SD DOE website:

<http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/weekly.aspx> . Please look at the prior updates for critical information about student reports and setting up user accounts in the various systems. The [SD DOE Assessment website](#) and assessment portals also remain important sources of information.

### Assessment Q & A:

**Question:** Why can't I find my colony DSTEP results in Questar?

**Answer:** If your colony was one of the small number to take the paper/pencil version of the science test their results can only be found in SDAP as Questar only handled the online version of the test

### Access 2.0 Results:

Student results are 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. 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](#).

### Student Reports:

Overviews of reporting requirements are posted under [Parent Communication](#) on the DOE assessment website. All student test results are to be provided to parents/guardians as soon as possible at the beginning of school year. 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 later this month and will be optional to send home. More details will follow when growth reports are available.

### 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](#).

### South Dakota Assessment Portal (SDAP) Update:

End of Course/Course Equivalency Tests and Benchmark Assessments now reside in the District Secure program in SDAP. All item banks and test forms have been added and Benchmark assessments will be available for schools to use at any time. The End of Course/Course Equivalency tests still require a current waiver to use and a signed test security agreement. [Test security agreements](#) should be completed online prior to test administration. For more information and support, please contact Chris Booth, [Christina.booth@state.sd.us](mailto:Christina.booth@state.sd.us).

### 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. **For more details on all the webinars and directions for attending, please go to [Workshops](#) on the Assessment main page.**

*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.

1. Please join my meeting.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/890719981>

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

Dial +1 (408) 650-3123

Access Code: 890-719-981

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the meeting

Meeting ID: 890-719-981

*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 Hand Scoring 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. Attendees must come with a laptop or other device with Version 9.0 of the browser installed.

*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.

### ***Smarter Balanced Updates:***

**Tip:** The individual student reports have been updated. When printing, chose **Simple ISR** for the one page per subject reports. Batch printing is available in **ORS** using either **Retrieve Student Results** or **Score Reports**.

**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).