

Office of Assessment Weekly Update #9 September 30, 2016

Where did September go? I know we are all busy with homecomings, student activities, and parent conferences. Please take a few minutes to read the update and note the upcoming events.

Assessment Q & A:

Question: How can I quickly print all my student reports from ORS?

Answer: There are two options. If you choose “Retrieve Student Results”, follow [Directions for Batch Printing Reports](#). The student reports will be in numerical order based on student id in the zip files. With the updates to ORS, you can also batch print from “Score Reports” following the directions, [Printing from Score Reports](#).

Upcoming Events

Interim Assessment Workshop: Nov. 9, 2016 MacKay Building, Pierre, SD Room: Library commons 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. An additional workshop has been scheduled since the workshop on Oct. 7 is full. 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 will need to bring a laptop or other device with the secure browser installed as everyone will be a student for part of the day! Registration is required through [GoSignMeUp!](#) for “SBAC Interim Assessment Workshop”.

Workshops

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.

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](#)

Smarter Balanced Updates:

Tip: If you are planning on using iPads for interim assessment administration, please take note that the recent iOS 10 update is not currently compatible with the secure browser. AIR is working with Apple on the security issues and it will be ready for the summative assessment window.

ACCESS 2.0 Results:

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](#).

As always, thanks for all you do for the students in South Dakota.

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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.

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