



Focus on Assessment

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The New Assessment Department Communication Tool



The Assessment Department is proud to announce the new padlet, which is an online tool for schools to access all assessment resources that support the Clark County School District's (CCSD) Balanced Assessment System. The padlet is arranged by categories that include interim, state-mandated assessments, and grading reform professional learning opportunities. Access and bookmark the padlet at: <http://bit.ly/assess005>. All Assessment Department resources can be viewed and downloaded by clicking on each assessment's "More" page. A new window will open and allow the viewer to peruse FAQs, Guides, Resources, and Training sub-categories. A "Test Coordinator Communication" column will historically post all of the Assessment Department's communications.

The Assessment Resources padlet is a creative way of transitioning away from InterAct's Student Assessment icon to a user-friendly interface. We invite you to check it out and while you are there, access the main page of the padlet survey: <http://bit.ly/padletsurvey> which is located at the top of each of the padlets. The Assessment Department appreciates all feedback so that we may continue to improve services in supporting CCSD students.

2017-2018 WIDA ACCESS 2.0



The WIDA ACCESS 2.0 test window will open on January 8, 2018, for kindergarten students and January 22, 2018, for students in Grades 1-12.

- Materials are scheduled to arrive January 8, 2018, for kindergarten testing.
- Assessment itinerant testers will support testing at schools with a population of 10 or more students identified as English Learners.
- WIDA Alternate ACCESS materials will arrive at the same time. Additional materials can be ordered by clicking on Additional Materials in the WIDA-AMS platform.
- The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) sponsored face-to-face test administration session for WIDA 2.0 will take place on January 17 and 18, 2018, at ECTA at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 2:00 p.m. An open lab session will follow to answer questions about the eDIRECT system.

2017-2018 NAA Alternative Assessment



The Nevada Alternative Assessment (NAA) testing window is from February 28, 2018, to May 21, 2018.

- NAA materials will ship February 13, 2018, to schools. If additional materials are needed, test coordinators will be able to order materials on or after February 13, 2018, in eDIRECT.
- Student Services Division will begin annual training sessions on January 9, 2018. For more information call Patricia Schepers at (702) 799-0151, Ext. 5036, or register in Pathlore by searching the keyword: NAA.

For more information refer to the Assessment Department's padlet. Test administration documents and guides can be found at: <http://bit.ly/assess005>.

Grade Book Release 1749

Updates to the Infinite Campus Grade Book will be implemented on January 16, 2018. A variety of teacher resources are available to support with the upcoming changes to the system. All resources are located on the Employee Business Training Web site at training.ccsd.net under the **Grade Book** heading. If there are questions, please contact User Support Services at (702) 799-3300, option 1, submit a Quick-IT, or e-mail Gradebook Help via InterAct.



MAP Growth: What's New for Winter?



The MAP Interim window is open from January 8, 2018, until February 9, 2018. All students in kindergarten through Grade 3 are required to take both the Reading and Math MAP Growth assessments. Below are some updates for the winter administration of MAP:

Kindergarten

- Kindergarten students are required to participate in the MAP Growth K-2 assessments during winter and spring testing windows.
- Ensure kindergarten teachers are able to log into the MARC system and have received training. Visit the MAP padlet for necessary test administration resources.
- Teachers have the option to prepare students by assigning the Practice: Reading K-2 or Practice: Math K-2 assessments. This will aid in students becoming familiar with the format and use of technology for the Growth K-2 assessments.
- Mouse practice is also available to students at <http://bit.ly/Mouse-skills>.

NWEA Resources for Parents

- Teachers can visit <http://bit.ly/MAPParents> to view blogs to assist parents in learning about MAP and how to help their children in the areas of reading and math.
- Visit <http://bit.ly/ParentGuideMAP> for parent guides in English, Spanish, Haitian, Creole, Brazilian, Portuguese, Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean.
- Parents can visit <https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/> for videos and frequently asked questions in parent-friendly language.

Test Assignments

- Kindergarten and first grade students must be assigned the **MAP Growth K-2** assessments.
- Second and third grade students must be assigned the **MAP Growth 2-5** assessments.
- If a student took the incorrect assessment for their grade level during the fall 2017 administration, they will need to take the correctly assigned test per Nevada Department of Education policy.
- It is important to note that growth cannot be compared for students who participated in the incorrect assessment during the fall administration.



New and Improved MAP padlet

- The MAP padlet can be found at <http://bit.ly/CCSDMAP>.
- Please visit the padlet often for MAP resource updates.
- Posts are now color-coded to highlight essential resources in green and additional information in purple.
- Please refer to the FAQs for the most up-to-date questions regarding MAP implementation.
- A column for MAP Test Coordinator Communication is a recent addition to the padlet. All e-mails sent to test coordinators will be posted in this column.
- Please visit the Test Administration column for the Nevada Department of Education's memo on guidance related to students with IEPs.



End of Course (EOC) Additional Materials Ordering

Although DRC's Online Enrollment System in eDIRECT has closed, the additional materials window will be opening on February 5, 2018 to account for fluctuating enrollment. The December 2017 enrollment window was open to account for all students enrolled in the aligned courses that needed to take an EOC final exam this spring. The numbers submitted will determine the quantity of materials to be shipped to schools. Additional materials orders will also include Braille and Large Print requests and should be shipped directly to schools within two to three business days.



If there are any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact the Assessment Department at (702) 799-1041, option 2.