

# Focus on Assessment

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## End of Course (EOC) Spring 2018



The Assessment Department is dedicated to providing End of Course final exam updates as information is received by the state and vendor. Per the EOC Test Administrator’s Manual, students **can** complete one part of the EOC exam over several days. The EOC ELA Part 2 (writing) portion of the exam will need to be completed by April 13, 2018. DRC will score the online exam and provide score reports after May 1, 2018.

All EOC Math I/II and ELA Part 1 test materials need to be ordered by schools via the eDIRECT system. Schools will administer the final exams during the last weeks of school. Teachers will score the final exams and utilize the appropriate content area-specific Scoring Guide for instructions on how to incorporate the scores into the student’s grade. Below please find details regarding an upcoming recommended EOC Saba training to assist with preparing for the EOC final exam test administration.

Training	Date	Time	Location	Keywords
EOC 2017-2018 Test Administration	Tuesday April 10, 2018	9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Saba Online Registration via Pathlore	EOC 2017-2018 Administration <b>Course</b> <b>Code:</b> AATST40181

Please visit the Assessment Resources padlet (<http://bit.ly/assess005>) for pertinent EOC details.

## High School Science Exam



The testing window for the High School Science exam will be open April 2 through May 21, 2018. This online assessment will be administered to all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and any 10<sup>th</sup> grade student who did not complete the EOC Science exam last school year.

The Data Services Department has rostered students in test sessions and schools can now access this information in the eDIRECT system. The Assessment Department offered an online Saba training on March 22, 2018, to assist with a sound test administration. Below is the link to access the playback of the training.

<https://spcna1.sabameeting.com:443/GP/main/000076d0a18a00000161c7290f18b8d4>

Please visit the Assessment Resources padlet (<http://bit.ly/assess005>) for additional guidance documents and resources.

## WIDA Screener Training



The WIDA Screener is the paper test used to assess students new to the Clark County School District who have another language in the home. The WIDA Screener is a mandated process which must be completed within a specific timeline to ensure parents are notified of the results. The Assessment Department has expanded the WIDA training opportunities for schools. Weekly elementary and secondary training sessions are available on Pathlore through May 2018. In order to build capacity at each school, identified school personnel should participate in this training, which will assist in maintaining a high level of support to schools. After training completion, schools will have customized assistance from the Itinerant Testers to review the process of administering the WIDA Screener. The Assessment Department values schools in this endeavor.





Pathlore keywords: **WIDA Screener**

Please contact the Assessment Department at (702) 799-1041, option 2 with questions.

## Activities to Support CRT Assessments

The Smarter Balanced and Science Summative CRT window is open now through May 21, 2018. Below are some ideas on how to make this the best testing season ever!



<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Students</b></p> <p>Remind students the importance of getting a good night rest prior to the morning of the test. Eating a good breakfast will also assist students with being able to focus on doing their best. Don't underestimate the value of talking with students about the purpose of these assessments. Help students with anxiety by reminding them that the test adjusts to their level and will help show how far they have come in their learning.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Teachers</b></p> <p>Exposing students to the rigor of the summative assessments through high quality Tier I instruction throughout the school year is key to optimal performance! It's never too late, however, to incorporate aligned lessons from the Smarter Balanced Digital Library or the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments into your daily instruction. Visit the Assessment Department SBAC Interims padlet by going to <a href="http://bit.ly/assess005">bit.ly/assess005</a> for resources.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Parents</b></p> <p>Let parents know about Online Tools Training, a way to practice engaging with the summative online assessments. Parents can visit <a href="https://wbte.drcedirect.com/NV/portals/nv">https://wbte.drcedirect.com/NV/portals/nv</a> using a Chrome browser with their child and work through sample questions together. This will increase the student's comfort level with the online summative format.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Test Coordinators</b></p> <p>Participate in or view playbacks of the Assessment Department webinars for procedures as well as tips and tricks for before, during, and after the testing window. Resources, such as videos designed to help with navigation of the eDIRECT Web site, are available on our padlet Web site. Visit the CRT padlet by going to <a href="http://bit.ly/assess005">bit.ly/assess005</a> and clicking under the CRT column.</p> 

All Assessment Department resources are available at [bit.ly/assess005](http://bit.ly/assess005).

## Spring MAP Growth Assessment

The spring test administration for MAP Growth is quickly approaching! Beginning on April 23, 2018, schools will administer the final MAP reading and math assessments for the 2017-2018 school year. The testing window will close at the end of the school day on May 18, 2018.



Proctors play an important role in any test administration. Here are a few testing tips to ensure a smooth and valid testing experience:

- Share the purpose of MAP with students, along with the structure of the online testing experience.
- Verify that all headphones are in working condition for the Growth K-2 tests.
- Walk around and monitor that students are not moving too quickly through the test.
- Never terminate a test for a student; only suspend or pause a test.
- Allow students to take breaks as needed or test in short intervals over two days.
- Visit the padlet often for test administration guidance documents.
- Provide the "Proctors Tips and Troubleshooting Guide" to test administrators.
- Encourage your students to set a goal before completing the final MAP administration.

For a brief overview of MAP test administration, proctors can view a short video tutorial by going to [bit.ly/MAP-review](http://bit.ly/MAP-review).

## Nevada Alternate Assessment

The Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA) is off to a great start! Below is information which will assist with a successful test administration:

- Students enrolling new to the District after April 20, 2018, are not required to test on the NAA.
- Additional materials orders may be placed until May 11, 2018, and all materials must be returned to DRC by May 25, 2018.

To ensure technology is working correctly, fully charge cameras and other recording devices, and confirm all devices are plugged in prior to assessing students on the NAA. If a student has completed a portion of the test and the camera fails, the test administrator must **NOT** go back and redo the section. Students are only allowed to test once on each part of the test.

**Please note:** technology challenges are a test irregularity and must be reported to the Assessment Department by calling (702) 799-1041, option 2.

