

# Focus on Assessment

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# **High School Science Online Assessment**

The High School Science Assessment window is currently open and high schools are actively assessing all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, and any 10<sup>th</sup> grade student who did not complete the science assessment last school year. It is not required for schools to assess 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who did not complete the assessment in previous years. The High School Science Assessment is a federal requirement and schools are required to assess 95% of student subgroups.

Schools are able to verify 10<sup>th</sup> grade participation by accessing the eDIRECT system or via the Infinite Campus Ad Hoc report named **ASSESS-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Not Tested**. This report may be utilized by school administration to compare the student roster in the eDIRECT system. This verification process will ensure students who have completed the assessment are not double tested. Additional details on the verification process can be obtained from the *Verifying Student Participation* guidance document posted on the Assessment Resources padlet.

High School Science Assessment closing out procedures will include schools entering a testing code in the eDIRECT system by May 23, 2018 for students who were not tested. This process is included in the Test Administration Manual and a guidance document is posted on the Assessment Resources padlet (<u>bit.ly/assess005</u>).

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

# Test Administration Process for Homebound



The Nevada Department of Education (NDE) requires students who are receiving homebound services to complete the state-mandated assessments. The student's zoned school is responsible for coordinating the test administration process for <u>all</u> students enrolled at their site.

The Assessment Department and Student Services Division have partnered to create a manual which includes the steps to completing this process for each assessment. Administrators, test coordinators, and teachers may access the homebound manual by visiting the Assessment Resources padlet at <u>bit.ly/</u><u>assess005</u>.

If additional information is needed regarding this process, please contact the Assessment Department at (702) 799-1041, option 2.

# **ACT Score Reports**



Schools have started to receive the ACT Plus Writing score reports from the February 27, 2018, test

administration. Although not all of the student data results are in, valuable analysis can still be done regarding student performance and/or how to use the final data results to guide discussions on college and career readiness.

For Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions, ACT scores for placement into a college-level English or mathematics course are based on the ACT College Readiness Benchmark Scores of 18 for English and 22 for mathematics. For students who are college bound, looking at his/her ACT scores, along with the diploma type expectations, can open the door to conversations that inspire academic achievement and/or redirection of academic perspectives.

Reference: NPWR. <u>http://npwr.nv.gov/reports</u>



## **MAP Growth Training**

The Assessment Department is excited to announce *Spring 2018 MAP Growth Training: Essential Data Points for School Planning* on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Below are additional details regarding this recommended training opportunity.

Session	Time	Location
Session I	7:30 a.m9:30 a.m.	CPD or Vegas PBS
Session II	10:00 a.m12:00 p.m.	CPD or Vegas PBS
Session III	1:00 p.m3:00 p.m.	CPD or Vegas PBS

CPD: 3950 S. Pecos-McLeod Las Vegas, NV 89121

Vegas PBS: 3050 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89121

#### Please note: Participants need to bring their own device.

School leadership teams (administrators, learning strategists, and teachers) are encouraged to register for <u>one</u> of the sessions. Participants will review end-of-year data and begin to plan for the 2018-2019 school year. School teams will have time to discuss student data and identify trends to help focus on next steps in adjusting student instruction. Registration for the MAP Growth Training is on Pathlore, keywords: MAP Administrators Data.

#### Reminders:

The Spring MAP Growth testing window started April 23, 2018, and will close on May 18, 2018, for Grades K-3. The data from this final MAP Growth test administration will be available in Infinite Campus on May 23, 2018. Please contact the Assessment Department at (702) 799-1041, option 2 with questions.

### 2018 Summative CRT Testing

Summative testing is in full swing for CCSD schools and students. Weekly testing status updates are available on the CRT padlet, which indicates student progress toward test completion as a District. Access the CRT padlet via the Assessment Resources padlet at <u>bit.ly/assess005</u>.

To make the most of valid data results, consistent, and fair test administration is the key. Test coordinators work in collaboration with administration, teachers, and staff to verify that systems are implemented to ensure a secure testing environment. Be reminded that the most common cause of a testing irregularity involves test tickets, so be certain that procedures for keeping test tickets secure are included in the daily test administration at the site. Feel free to reach out to the Assessment Department if additional details are needed to prevent disruptions in the testing environment or incidents that may need to be documented as a testing irregularity.

Student results will be available this summer on Infinite Campus and in the <u>datalab.ccsd.net</u> Web site. Achievement level and claim level data provided in the system is another data point to consider during the analysis of the effectiveness of instructional programs utilized in the classroom, and is instrumental in school performance planning. This data will include three years of student results and growth information to help inform achievement goals and identify areas to celebrate successes. The Assessment Department will keep schools updated on the availability of this data in the coming months.

All Assessment Department resources are available at bit.ly/assess005.

# WIDA Score Reports

The results for the WIDA ACCESS 2.0 will be arriving soon from Data Recognition Corporation (DRC). Schools will be receiving WIDA Individual Score Reports, both electronic and paper versions after May 11, 2018. Test coordinators send the paper version of the score reports home to parents within 15 days of receiving them. In WIDA-AMS, a variety of frequency reports will provide information about how many students tested, and which proficiency levels were received. These frequency reports are only available in PDF format.

This year represents the second year in which the new cut score of 4.5 overall will be in place to exit students from English Learner status. The Assessment Department has posted a printable certificate on the Assessment Resources padlet (<u>bit.ly/assess005</u>) for celebrating the success and recognizing students who achieve the 4.5 overall or higher by becoming English proficient.



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