

STATE ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

Week of January 28, 2019

UPCOMING TRAININGS – COURSE # 9744

DAY/DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SECTION	PARTICIPANTS	LOCATION
2/6/2019	9am-11am	The ACT®	16167	High School TCs	M9
2/6/2019	11am-12:30pm	CCRAA-11 & NCEXTEND1-11	16168	High School TCs & Tech Champs	M9
3/7/2019	9am-3pm	TC Work Session	16169	TCs & Back-up TCs	M1
3/7/2019	TBD	ACT WorkKeys	TBD	High School TCs	TBD

Attendance for TC's is required. Pre-registration is required - be sure to sign up in NCEES – True North Logic. Also, be sure to bring a fully charged laptop.

UPCOMING ASSESSMENTS

TEST WINDOW	ASSESSMENT	SCHOOLS	LEVEL	GRADE
January 28 – March 8	NAEP: Math, Reading Science	Eastway, Eno, Holt, Carrington, Githens, Lucas, Riverside	ES, MS, HS	4, 8, 12
January 28 – March 1	ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS	All Schools	ES, MS, HS	K - 12
February	ACT	High Schools	HS	11
March	ACT WorkKeys	High Schools	HS	12

ACT JUNIOR LETTERS

Before the February 20, 2019, ACT test date, students will be required during an in-school session to complete the non-test portion of their answer document. At this time, students will have the opportunity to select up to four colleges and universities to receive their ACT scores (free of charge). The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) recommends the non-test session be completed as soon as possible so that schools are prepared for the ACT administration in the event of any unexpected inclement weather delays or school closings.

To encourage students to be thorough in completing the non-test portion, ACT is providing schools with a junior letter in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) to distribute to students. A list of North Carolina college and university codes is provided on the reverse side of the letter. Students may wish to discuss these choices with their parents/guardians before the pre-test session. Students are allowed to bring the North Carolina College and University Codes document with them to the session to help identify their school selection(s).

Also included in this letter is information on how students can create a free ACT profile account from home. By following the link included in the letter, students can begin ACT's college and career planning self-assessments.

Please ensure the junior letter is distributed to the appropriate students at your schools so that students may discuss the information with their parents/guardians and have the necessary information to complete the non-test portion before the February 20 test date.

2018-19 ACT PARENT LETTER AND EXCEPTION TOOLKIT

The parent letter and exception toolkits for the **ACT** are now available. Both documents are available here in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). The 2019 test date is February 20, 2019. The makeup date is March 12, 2019. Please ensure that school contacts are sharing pertinent information and meeting the upcoming deadlines. Feel free to contact our office should you need anything additional.

Approved request forms and a copy of the score report must be received in the **Office of State Assessments no later than February 8, 2019.**

HISTORICAL AUDIT AND EXPECTED TEST FILES

Historical audit and expected test files for January are now available in RADD. Click [here](#) for more information on understanding and using historical audits. Click [here](#) for a list of the reason codes for the 2018-2019 school year.

RTA LOCAL ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS CHART

The *Read to Achieve Local Alternative Assessments* chart for the 2018–19 school year has been updated. The *Discovery Education Grade 3 Summative Assessment* is no longer available from the vendor and has been removed from the chart as an approved alternative assessment.

The revised chart can be found [here](#) and is also posted on [DPS Central](#).

MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

Requests for exceptions may be made at any point in the school year **prior** to the following deadlines:

Tests Occurring in Spring 2019	
Situation	Deadline for Submission
Existing conditions or medical situations known by April 12.	April 26
Medical emergency occurring after April 12 but within the Spring Testing Window.	End of Spring Testing Window but no later than May 24.