

STATE ASSESSMENTS UPDATE

Week of October 1, 2018

UPCOMING TRAININGS – COURSE # 9744

DAY/DATE	TIME	TOPIC	SECTION	PARTICIPANTS	LOCATION
10/10/2018	8:30am-11:30am	Elementary TC Work Session	16156	Elementary TC's & Data Managers	SDC Room M9
10/10/2018	1pm-4pm	Secondary TC Work Session	16156	Secondary TCs & Data Managers	SDC Room M9
11/14/2018	11am-2pm	Fall EOCs, NCFEs, WorkKeys	16157	Univ/Trad HS & MS TCs, Tech	SDC Room M8
11/14/2018	2pm-4pm	ACT Accommodations-TAA System	16158	HS TCs, EC, 504, ESL, Tech Champ	SDC Room M8

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.

SCORE DELAY FOR 2018-19 EOC & EOG MATH ASSESSMENTS

The new mathematics North Carolina Standard Course of Study and Extended Content Standards adopted by the State Board in 2016 and 2017 will be implemented this school year in elementary and middle grades 3-8 and in high school courses NC Math 1 and NC Math 3. With the adoption of new mathematics content standards, new end-of-grade (EOG) and end-of-course (EOC) general assessments and EOG/EOC alternate assessments were developed to align with the new content standards. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is required to establish new academic achievement levels based on the scores from the first administration of newly revised assessments.

The standard setting process for all of North Carolina's new mathematics assessments and their alternates will occur in summer 2019. This process results in scores being delayed, meaning students will not receive test scores until after the standard setting process is completed in summer 2019. Therefore, effective with the 2018-19 school year and beyond, State Board policy TEST-003 provides public schools an exception for "all students enrolled in a course during the initial implementation year of the new assessment for that course where scores are not immediately available due to standard setting."

Schools do not have to follow the requirement to use results from the initial implementation year for EOC assessments as a minimum of twenty percent (20%) of the student's final grade for each respective course. As stated in the SBE policy for this exception, public schools can choose to adopt policies regarding the use of EOC assessment results in assigning final grades.

ONLINE TESTING CALCULATOR PRACTICE

For the 2018–19 school year, an online calculator will be available through NC Test for students to use on all mathematics and science tests that require calculator use. The online calculator will meet the minimum calculator requirement for the specific assessment. Students will have the options to use the online calculator, a hand-held calculator, or both on test day.

Click [here](#) to access the links to the online calculators for practice. The links can also be found on our [DPS Central](#) site.

ONLINE TUTORIALS AND SCRIPTS

Schools must ensure every student participating in online assessments has completed the appropriate online assessment tutorial for the associated assessment(s) **at least one time per year** at the school. Students should not complete the tutorial on the date of the test administration. Click [here](#) to access the 2018-2019 Online Tutorial scripts. Use the table embedded [here](#) to determine which script you should use ahead of the particular assessment you will be administering.

HISTORICAL AUDIT AND EXPECTED TEST FILES

Historical audit and expected test files for September 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.

BOG3 SAMPLE PARENT LETTERS IN SPANISH

Embedded are SAMPLE Spanish letters that schools may use to notify parents/guardians of the [BOG3 English Language Arts/Reading Test](#) and the [BOG3 Individual Student Report](#). These letters can be edited and used in any manner to suit the needs of the LEA/schools (e.g., in a newsletter, sent to parents, posted on the LEA/charter website). The letters can also be found on our [DPS Central](#) site.

PREACT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Embedded [here](#) is the PreACT Schedule of events for 2018-2019. Please be sure to share this information with the members of your team.

ACT WORKKEYS EXCEPTIONS PROCESS

If students who are identified as Career and Technical (CTE) concentrators have previously taken ACT WorkKeys and earned a Silver, Gold or Platinum ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC), they are not required to participate in the ACT WorkKeys administration. However; it is the **students' responsibility** to notify the school that they do not wish to participate in the test administration.

Requests must be submitted to Principal/Designee by: **November 9, 2018**

Requests must be submitted to the Office of State Assessments by: **November 16, 2018**

Click [here](#) for the ACT WorkKeys Testing Exception Process for 2018-2019.

GRADE 3 PORTFOLIO

Just a reminder to Elementary TCs that the *Grade 3 Student Reading Portfolio* assessment can be used as a tool for students to satisfy the RtA law once the mClass BOY window has closed. You can refer back to the implementation guide for full instructions.

MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

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

Tests Occurring in Fall Semester 2018	
Situation	Deadline for Submission
Existing conditions or medical situations known by November 9 .	November 16
Medical emergency occurring after November 9 but within the Fall Testing Window.	End of Fall Testing Window