

Assessment Updates School Improvement Conference Fall 2013

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Status of Current Activities (Reporting)

- PAWS, (including PAWS-ALT), ACT, and AYP reports available in Fusion
- Review periods featuring Click Wrap software for security and approval
- Fusion (age of system, browser types, credentials)
- SAWS and ACT writing data will be released after AYP reporting is complete
- ISRs should be in-district

Status of Activities (Development)

- 2014 PAWS and SAWS have been developed to measure only 2012 Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, (CCSS)
- SAWS will be administered in Grades 3, 5, 7
- PAWS science still at Grades 4 and 8, based on the 2008 Wyoming Standards
- New set of science standards under review
- ACCESS continues as our EL assessment

Status of Activities (Development)

- 2014 ALT assessments will add Grades 9 and 10; still mapped to 2006 extensions
- New extensions were drafted in June and are currently being piloted by teachers on work team; feedback will inform final set to be presented to the State Board
- We continue to look at options for ALTs for implementation in 2015; there will be a new ALT in 2015

What's New in 2014

- Individual Student Reports (ISRs) – new look and feel
- Answer sheets for students in grades 6-8; students in 3-5 will continue to record their answers in the test booklet
- Accommodations data collection on answer sheet / test booklet intended to collect more accurate information regarding which accommodations are actually used in each subject

What's New in 2014

- 2014 PAWS and SAWS require standard setting and proficiency level descriptors
- Standard setting will feature a variant of the bookmark process (CTB/McGraw-Hill, 2001)
- Bookmark allows all participants to have a say in the process
- WDE Director and State Board of Education will review proposed cuts
- 2014 reporting may be delayed

ACT Suite

- Professional development in the works for this fall, focusing on strengths and needs within each content area
- PD will be aligned to new reports that will be distributed this fall
- Last year of implementation for EXPLORE and PLAN is 2015

2015 Development

- Options exist for the spring 2015 test administration
 - Administer SBAC assessments
 - Continue PAWS and SAWS assessments
 - Buy something off the shelf
- We are working with the State Board, the Governor's office, and the Select Committee to evaluate the options; may have a decision after January 2014 legislative session

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

- State-led group with 26 member states/U.S. territories creating common assessments that are designed to measure CCSS
- Three types of tools: summative, interim and the digital library of formative assessment tools and resources
- Assessments are computer adaptive and will be delivered online (some paper/pencil will be permitted for the first few years as states transition to new assessments)

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- Digital library will feature teacher-created tools to help implement formative assessments at classroom level, teach the CCSS more effectively, and integrate test data into instruction more completely
- Wyoming has recently become a Governing State; this opens up various participation opportunities for staff from across the state

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- State-led item writing project (up to 10% of bank will be written by educators in participating states)
- State Network of Educators – review and develop submissions to the Digital Library
- Recently participated in latest consortium collaboration meeting at CRESST/UCLA
- Approved student data ownership/mgmt policy
- Approved usability, accessibility, and accommodations guidelines

SBAC Technology Readiness

- Technology currently major focus of USDE, national foundations, Wyoming Governor's Office, WY Department of Enterprise Technology Services, WDE Assessment Division
- Project supports SBAC test administration and, most importantly, **CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION**
- Technology Readiness Tool gathers data regarding technology capacity of each school in Wyoming, measuring items like numbers of devices, bandwidth, and staff training

SBAC Field Test

- Spring 2014
- Specific window TBD, but between Mar 18 and June 6
- Will be recruiting districts to participate; process will be presented this fall

2015 and Beyond

- New ALT assessment options
 - Consortia – NCSC and DLM
 - Collaborative – AIR
- ACCESS by WIDA (ASSETS is new EL assessment under development)
- Develop new science assessment (will be based on new standards, when adopted); may be administered online to take advantage of technology enhanced items, emphasizing scientific inquiry process

Upcoming Activities/Dates

- Recruiting for State Network of Educators (SNE) for SBAC
- TOMS training (dates TBD)
- PAWS test administration training (dates TBD)
- ALT assessment administration training and extended standards
 - 11-1 Gillette
 - 11-8 Laramie
 - 11-12 Riverton
 - 11-18 Green River
 - 12-6 Casper



Upcoming Activities

- Growth training (dates TBD)
- ACT suite training (dates TBD)
- PAWS standard-setting (June, 2014)
- Validity surveys
- Exemption requests due to WDE Assessment Division by February 28th -- criteria will remain the same as 2013

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