



WDE Assessment Updates

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2014-15 State Assessment Calendar

Below is the final State Assessment Calendar. Note that 2015 is a NAEP year, so you can expect to hear from Will Donkersgoed, our state NAEP coordinator, soon.

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2015 State Assessment Testing Dates	
PAWS	March 2-March 27
SAWS	April 13-May 1
Wyoming ALT	Feb. 23- March 27
Explore	April 20-May 12
Plan	April 20-May 12
ACT Plus Writing	April 28 make-up May 12
Compass	Fall: Oct. 6-Oct. 24 Spring: April 20-May 12
NAEP	Jan. 26-March 6
ACCESS	Jan. 19-Feb. 23
MAP	Fall: Aug. 15-Nov. 30 Winter: Dec. 1-Feb. 28 Spring: Mar. 1-Jun. 15

Wanted: Participants for PAWS and SAWS Standard-Setting Panels, July 2014

We have an urgent need for more participants for this summer's standard-setting panels. Specifically, we need educators who are familiar with ELA standards in the middle grades. ETS will handle compensation for participants, and more information on the sessions is below:

Reading and Writing Standard Setting July 15-17, 2014 Little America Hotel, Cheyenne

For these panels, we need educators with experience teaching reading, and writing in grades 3-8. Curriculum and administration personnel are welcome to apply.

In June 2012, Wyoming adopted new standards in English/language arts and math. The grades 3-8 PAWS and SAWS have been revised and are aligned to measure student performance relating to the 2012 Wyoming Content and Performance Standards (WCPS). Two standard setting workshops will be held in July, during which educators will review the standards, assessments and student performance data, and recommend cut scores for reporting performance levels. Participation by a group of Wyoming educators, representative of regional and sub-group diversity, is critical to develop valid, meaningful cut scores. The workshop requires groups of educators (including district level personnel) with the following experience:

- ◆ Teaching reading and writing, at one or more grades, 3 through 8;
- ◆ Knowledge of the 2012 Wyoming Content Standards; and
- ◆ Familiarity with the PAWS (reading or math) or SAWS tests

If you are interested in applying to participate, please complete an application by clicking on the following link: <http://www.formstack.com/forms/?1685444-sydWlwidzK>

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WDE Assessment Customer Survey

The WDE Assessment team wants to ensure that we are providing the best service possible to district and school staff -- our primary customers. In order to help us evaluate and improve our services, we've created a brief survey to solicit feedback from you. If you have not contacted the WDE Assessment team, please disregard this request. If you have contacted us, please take about 5 minutes to respond. Thanks in advance for your help! Please access the survey via the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1rOpKwNYfvaMYBFtfvIhQbzQXR37xFBkCXHxIfil58g/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link

ACT State Allowed Accommodations

Reminder-state allowed accommodations are not to be reported on transcripts. Those scores are not college reportable; however, they may be used for Hathaway eligibility. Students are responsible for keeping track of their ACT State Allowed Accommodation Score letter that will arrive at their schools this fall.

Help Needed: ACT Standard Setting

On August 5 and 6th the WDE will need a panel of people to review and help set cuts for the ACT. This standard setting group will be working in Cheyenne and will receive a stipend of \$300 per day for the two days to cover lodging, dinner, travel, and time. Please register today: https://docs.google.com/a/wyo.gov/forms/d/13q9IX7uoD-AjETICHRZ45MfRdu9Ujz3jO8GRheP0uKM/viewform?usp=send_form

Explore and Plan Testing

We will be testing with Explore and Plan next year. There is information out there discussing the "sunset" of Explore and Plan. It is true that ACT will no longer provide Explore and Plan except for those contracting for this final administration. So Wyoming will be testing Explore and Plan next year.