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ACT Test Accessibility and Accommodations System

As many of you are preparing for the ACT assessment this year, you may also be gearing up for the submission of accommodations information to ACT. The Wyoming Department of Education must ask you to hold off on sending this information at this time. We are still in contract negotiations and until the contract is finalized, NO confidential student information should be shared with ACT. We will let you know when the contract is final and it's ok to submit supporting information for the accommodations requests.

Last Chance to Register for NWEA MAP Professional Development

Please register no later than end of business on Monday, November 10th

The Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) is offering a series of professional development workshops around the state from their MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Foundation series. The workshops will help educators gain strategies for using MAP reports to engage in high-impact goal setting, and connecting MAP data to a variety of needs—including how to use the data to support the transition to more rigorous state standards like the Common Core. The workshops will also address the use of differentiated instruction to meet the needs of students through the use of flexible groupings and instructional ladders.

Workshop locations:

Location: Evanston, WY
Dates: November 11th and 12th
Venue: Educational Service Center
Board Room
537 10th Street
Evanston, WY 82930.

Location: Gillette, WY
Dates: November 11th and 12th
Venue: Campbell County School District Central Services
525 W. Lakeway Rd.
Gillette, WY 82718

Location: Cheyenne, WY
Dates: November 12th and 13th
Venue: Laramie County School District #1
Storey Gym Board Room
2811 House Ave.
Cheyenne, WY 82001

Location: Lander, WY
Dates: November 18th and 19th
Venue: Fremont County School District #1 Offices
863 Sweetwater St.
Lander, WY 82520

Location: Casper, WY
Dates: November 19th and 20th
Venue: Natrona County School District Central Services Facility
Jefferson Room
970 N. Glenn Rd.
Casper, Wyoming 82601

Please use the following link to register by Monday: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TQS5JJZNWEA>

Save the Date: Test Order Management System (TOMS) Training

Wednesday, December 3, 2014, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, MST

Educational Testing Service (ETS) will be hosting a training webinar for all Building Coordinators to review the Test Operations Management System (TOMS), the demographic collection database to be used for the 2015 PAWS and SAWS Administrations.

Please make sure all key staff who use the TOMS system attend the training. The webinar will also be posted to the ETS – TOMS site as well as the WDE homepage to view if staff are unable to attend the live training.

In this training, ETS will review and walk through the current TOMS system.

Register now! <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4298327765672110338>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. [View System Requirements](#)

Assessment Professional Development, December 10 - Register Now!

The Wyoming Department of Education will be offering a professional development opportunity for teachers and pre-service teachers to learn about statewide assessments (PAWS, SAWS, ACT). Participants will be provided with information about accessing, interpreting, and using data from state assessments, including blueprints, PLDs, etc. We will also provide further information surrounding Lexile and Quantile measurements. The workshop will be held on December 10 in Casper.

Please use the link to register:

<http://goo.gl/forms/aag6E3E0SH>

Wyoming Alternate Assessment Administration Training—Save the Date!

On July 1st, the State Board approved a new contract with American Institutes for Research (AIR) to deliver the Spring 2015 and 2016 alternate assessment. The Wyoming Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (Wy-ALT) will be replacing the PAWS-ALT for 2015. Please note that the mandatory administration training will take place this January, 2015, on the dates and in the locations listed below. If you have any questions about the new assessment, contact Deb Lindsey at deb.lindsey@wyo.gov or 777-8753.

January 6 Cheyenne

January 8 Gillette

January 12 Jackson

January 13 Riverton

January 15 Green River

Please continue to watch the newsletter for more information about registration.

PAWS/SAWS Building Coordinator Training - Save the Date!

Educational Testing Service (ETS) and the Wyoming Department of Education will be hosting two Building Coordinator Training sessions to review the responsibilities of the Building Test Coordinator for the 2015 PAWS/SAWS administrations.

- ◆ Tuesday, January 27th Casper, WY – Casper, WY
- ◆ Thursday, January 29th Afton, WY – Afton, WY

Important Dates

Nov. 11-20 -- NWEA MAP Training opportunities

Dec. 3 -- Test Order Management System Training

Dec. 8 -- ACT Test Administration webcast available on ACT Wyoming State Testing website

Dec. 10 -- ACT Test Accommodation Q&A session

Dec. 10 -- Assessment Professional Development

Jan. 6-15 -- Alternate Assessment Administration Training

Jan. 27 & 29 -- PAWS/SAWS Building Coordinator Training