



# WDE Assessment Updates

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### COMPASS Window

One last friendly reminder the COMPASS testing window ends Friday May 31. One more week to test any interested seniors. Keep up the good work!

### WorkKeys

WorkKeys scores will be available to view online by 6/17, to students who create a MyWorkKeys account. The online account will allow students access to view scores and make those scores available to WY Colleges or prospective employers. Students may also print a transcript or a National Career Readiness Certificate (fees involved).

Below a few quick steps are provided for setting up an account:

- ◆ Step 1: Student can go to <http://www.act.org/certificate/account.html> to create a new account or to access an account they have already created (by logging in with their User ID and Password).
- ◆ Step 2: If creating a new account, click on the [create a new account](#) link. A [Create a New Account Quick Start Guide](#) provides detailed instructions for the user.
- ◆ Step 3: Student creates their account by providing all required information in the fields provided. In addition to required demographic information, the student must also enter their Examinee ID. It would be the WISER ID for WY seniors who took the test this spring, if they gridded the number in Box 3 on the WorkKeys State Testing Answer Document. NOTE: It is important that students are aware that some required fields are used as a Matching Criteria and must be provided exactly as they gridded on the Answer Sheet.
  - **First Name**
  - **Last Name**
  - **Birth Month**
  - **Birth Date**
  - **Examinee ID (student ID or SSN provided on answer document)**
- ◆ Step 4: When all required information has been completed on the form, the student will be asked to read and agree to a short Terms and Conditions statement, and then submit the form.

### Important Upcoming Dates:

May 31 -- COMPASS Window Closes

**SBAC Glitch**

Greetings to all my Wyoming CITs! This is Steve Marsh with your weekly update for the SBAC Technology Readiness Tool (TRT). I am passing along a “heads up” notification regarding a glitch in one of the system reports for the TRT. Apparently, certain systems that were actually not supported by the TRT were being counted as “recommended” on this report. The glitch should have been corrected by the 20<sup>th</sup> of May, so it might be a moot point by now. Still... Please see the notification on the next page.

At this point, really still the start of this project, you all should have received an email to help set up a username and password to the TRT and also a link to the TRT site. IF you have not yet received this email, then please get in contact with me ASAP. My email is [stephen.marsh@wyo.gov](mailto:stephen.marsh@wyo.gov) and my office phone is 307-777-3498.

Lastly, please know how important this project is for our students here in Wyoming. It's definitely NOT just about MORE testing. The WDE is working hard to support what your teachers are doing in their classrooms. Classroom time is a valuable commodity. Since we can't get it back once it's been used, we're trying to cut down testing time; improve the turnaround time of our students' test results; and most importantly, increase the quality of the information we receive from our testing programs.

Until next Friday, enjoy your long weekend and be safe.

The purpose of this communication is to inform you of an issue that has been discovered in the Technology Readiness Tool's "Device Indicators" report regarding **Recommended** system specifications. This report provides a school, district or state with the percentage of school devices that meet the recommended system specifications for PARCC or Smarter Balanced assessments. The report regarding Consortia **Minimum** specifications is correct and does not have an issue - these minimum requirements represent a school's readiness to deliver the tests online.

However, the TRT report regarding which devices meet the **Recommended** requirements is currently counting a few operating systems that should not be included as meeting recommended requirements. It is important to note that as long as your devices meet the **Minimum** requirements the devices are ready for testing both PARCC and SBAC assessments.

The report regarding **Recommended** requirements will be fixed on Monday, May 20th. Until this solution is in place, the reports associated with device readiness have been disabled in the TRT. Data entered by state, district, and school users that reside in the Technology Readiness Tool will not be modified as part of this fix. However, the reported percentage of devices that meet consortia **Recommended** requirements may drop for an organization if its devices have the operating systems noted here:

- ◆ Windows XP,
- ◆ Macintosh OS 10.4.4 - 10.6,
- ◆ Linux Ubuntu versions 9 - 11, and
- ◆ Linux Fedora versions 6 - 15.

Some devices with the above operating systems already do not meet **Recommended** requirements because of other system parameters, such as memory, screen resolution, or display size. Less than 23% of the nearly 7.5 million devices in the TRT database are affected by this issue, and less than 31% of districts have devices that will be re-categorized as not meeting **Recommended** requirements. At the state level, 36 states will see a reduction in the percentage of reported devices that meet the **Recommended** requirements, and nine states are not affected.

Pearson sincerely regrets and apologizes for any confusion or concern this issue may have caused. As an additional measure of data integrity assurance, Pearson has initiated a reexamination of all TRT calculations and reports in order to further confirm the technology readiness results provided by the TRT. At this time, we do not anticipate any other changes.

This communication can be provided or forwarded to your districts and other TRT users to help inform them of the details of this issue. If you have any questions or would like any assistance, please contact the TRT support desk by dialing [888-323-8757](tel:888-323-8757) or by sending an email to [TechReadinessTool@Pearson.com](mailto:TechReadinessTool@Pearson.com).

Thank you,  
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