



WDE Assessment Updates

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I thought I'd alert you to a bill making its way through the Legislature now that would eliminate the COMPASS from our current slate of tests at the high school level. It appears that the bill would be effective this year, meaning that the COMPASS would not be administered this spring after all. Of course, we will keep you posted as things develop. *Important:* Until and unless the bill passes both Houses and gets signed by the Governor, though, we are still planning to administer the COMPASS during the established window of April 22 - May 3, 2013.

-- Deb Lindsey

Website Updates

Please check out our updates to the State Assessment pages of the Wyoming Department of Education [website](#).

Note that we have added a [Training page](#) with links to training for PAWS, SAWS, PAWS-ALT, SAWS-ALT and the ACT suite of assessments. Also new to the site is the [Building Coordinators' Corner](#) which contains information that is most pertinent to Building Coordinators.

The PAWS Directions for Administration is also posted and can be found [here](#).

EXPLORE and PLAN Test Materials

Initial counts for test materials were given to ACT Inc. based on the WDE684 file submitted by schools in October. School staff should check this file to make sure that they will be receiving enough materials for their 9th and 10th graders. This information is available on the [fusion website](#) in Statistical Report Series 2 under Data Reporting.

ACT will include an overage for EXPLORE and PLAN (except for accommodated formats).

- a. Orders of 1-10 units will receive an overage of 1
- b. Orders of 11-50 units will receive an overage of 3
- c. Orders of 51-200 units will receive an overage of 5
- d. Orders of 201-500 units will receive an overage of 10
- e. Orders of 501-1000 units will receive an overage of 15
- f. Orders of 1001+ units will receive an overage of 20

Any school needing additional materials not covered in the overage according to the table below should email [Jessica Steinbrenner](#) with the following information:

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| 1. Name of District | 3. Grade level needing additional materials |
| 2. Name of School | 4. Number of additional materials needed |

Important Upcoming Dates:

- February 11 -- EXPLORE & PLAN administration training webcast will be posted. Test administrators should watch this archived webcast before the live Q&A webinars in March.
- February 12 -- 3 p.m. [REPEAT Q&A webinar](#) sessions for ACT administration
- March 12 -- 4 p.m. [Q&A webinar](#) sessions for PLAN & EXPLORE
- March 14 -- 1 p.m. [REPEAT Q&A webinar](#) sessions for PLAN & EXPLORE