
MEMORANDUM No. 2014-043

TO: District Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Building Principals (K-12)

FROM: Shelly Andrews, Education Consultant
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DATE: March 31, 2014

SUBJECT: District Assessment System and WDE663 Collection Update

SPRING 2014 PILOT FOR DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM REPORT AND REVIEW PROCESS CANCELLED

WDE663 Data Collection No Longer Required

In September, a draft document providing guidance to districts on the required annual reporting and review process for district assessment systems (DAS) was distributed to superintendents, curriculum directors, and building principals. WDE requested comments and suggested edits from districts to facilitate a simple and efficient process in anticipation of the August 1, 2015 report deadline (W.S. 21-3-110 (a) (xxiv)). Feedback from districts reflected the proposed action by the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability and the pilot of this reporting and review process, which was planned for spring 2014 was cancelled.

Proposed Action by the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability

In October, the Select Committee on Statewide Education Accountability considered the DAS reporting and review requirements. The committee proposed that existing district reporting for the Accountability Act, the statewide assessment system, and the accreditation process, coupled with course completion requirements, would satisfy state interests in ensuring the content and performance standards were taught and an equal opportunity for an appropriate education was provided by all school districts across the state.

House Bill HB0028 was written by the committee for consideration during the 2014 Budget Session of the Legislature. The bill changed the annual DAS reporting requirement to a five- year cycle and required course completion to support graduation requirements. Though the bill was introduced, it was not moved out of committee by the required deadline and the bill died. Consequently, DAS reporting requirements are still in place (W.S. 21-3-110 (a) (xxiv)).

Current Action Required

In recognition of existing statutory requirements, districts should continue to use the district assessment system measures they have in place to determine proficiency toward high school graduation requirements. Districts should continue to move forward with full system implementation and alignment with the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards. The implementation timeline for each standard follows.

Year Revised	Content Standard	Implementation Deadline
• 2008	Science	Fully implemented now
• 2008	Social Studies	Fully implemented now
• 2008	Physical Education	Fully implemented now
• 2008	Career/Vocational Education	Fully implemented now
• 2012	Language Arts	On or before the first day of 2015-2016 school year
• 2012	Mathematics	On or before the first day of 2015-2016 school year
• 2012	Health	On or before the first day of 2015-2016 school year
• 2013	Foreign Language	On or before the first day of 2016-2017 school year
• 2013	Fine and Performing Arts	On or before the first day of 2016-2017 school year

August 1, 2015 DAS Reporting Requirement

Please keep in mind the August 1, 2015 annual reporting requirement for district assessment systems (W.S. 21-3-110 (a) (xxiv)). WDE will continue to work with the State Board and the Legislature regarding revisions to current statutory requirements and will keep you informed of any changes. The information contained in the draft DAS Annual Report Guidebook distributed to districts in September may be used as a reference for development of or revisions to your district assessment system.

WDE663 Data Collection No Longer Required

As of this year, the WDE663 - WISE Student Proficiency on District Assessment System data collection will no longer be required. Data collected through the WDE950 – Graduating Student Transcripts Wyoming Transcript Center will meet the reporting requirements related to proficiency toward high school graduation requirements.

If you have questions related to the district assessment system reporting requirements, please contact Shelly Andrews at 777-3781 or email: shelly.andrews@wyo.gov. If you have questions related to the discontinuation of the WDE663 – WISE Student Proficiency on District Assessment System data collection please contact Brian Aragon at 777-8505 or email: brian.aragon@wyo.gov.