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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2012- 119

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
District Test Coordinators  
K-12 School Principals

**FROM:** Rebecca Walk, State Assessment Coordinator

**DATE:** August 22, 2012

**SUBJECT:** PAWS and SASW Testing Programs; ACT Assessments; MAP testing dates

This memo is to advise superintendents, district test coordinators and building principals of changes to the Proficiency Assessment of Wyoming Students (PAWS) and State Assessment of Student Writing (SASW) testing programs. There are several changes to the state assessment program effective with school year 2012-2013.

- PAWS will be administered **only** in grades 3-8 in reading and mathematics; science is administered in grades 4 and 8
- PAWS grade 11 will no longer be administered. The ACT College Readiness Exam will be administered to grade 11 students. The ACT assesses English, reading, mathematics, science and writing
- PAWS-ALT will be administered in grades 3-8 and 11 in reading and mathematics and in grades 4, 8 and 11 in science
- SASW will be administered only in grades 3-8
- SASW-ALT will be administered in grades 3-8 and 11
- EXPLORE will be administered to grade 9 students; PLAN will be administered to grade 10 students; COMPASS will be administered to grade 12 students. Test dates are TBD, but will be in Spring 2013
- MAP will be administered in the fall, August 20-October 19 and in the spring, April 8-May 31.

PAWS, SASW and ACT test administration dates are listed on the WDE web site. If you have questions please contact Rebecca Walk @ 777-3498 or email [rebecca.walk@wyo.gov](mailto:rebecca.walk@wyo.gov)