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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jessica Steinbrenner, Assessment Operations/ ACT Program Manager

DATE: October 1, 2012

SUBJECT: EXPLORE®, PLAN®, ACT, and COMPASS® Assessment Windows

As required through EA 65, the EXPLORE®, PLAN®, ACT Plus Writing, and COMPASS® will be administered to students in grades 9 - 12, respectively. The suite of assessments broadly measures student achievement and college and career readiness.

Formerly, some districts opted to administer EXPLORE® and PLAN® in the fall. In order for the results to capture as much of grade nine and grade ten as possible, EXPLORE® and PLAN® will be administered in the spring of 2013.

After soliciting feedback from superintendents statewide, we established an EXPLORE®, PLAN®, and COMPASS® assessment window of April 22-May 3.

The table below outlines the 2012-2013 testing windows for the ACT suite of assessments.

TESTING WINDOWS

TEST	DATE	GRADE
EXPLORE®	April 22-May 3	9
PLAN®	April 22-May 3	10
ACT Plus Writing	April 23 (make up May 7)	11
COMPASS®	April 22-May 3	12

If you have questions regarding the assessments, please contact Jessica Steinbrenner at 307-777-8568.

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