



Opportunity Through Education

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## MEMORANDUM NO. 2022–058

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
Principals, K-12  
Curriculum Directors  
Assessment Coordinators  
Special Education Directors  
Educators

**FROM:** Wanda Maloney, Chief Policy Officer

**DATE:** May 2, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Assessment PD Opportunities

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## ASSESSMENT PD OPPORTUNITIES

The Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will provide several Assessment Professional Development (PD) Opportunities over the next few months:

### 1. WY-TOPP & WY-ALT Authoring Tool & Quality Assessment Item Writing

The Authoring Tool will allow educators to create and share assessments and items aligned to the Wyoming Content and Performance Standards (WYCPS) in all 10 content areas or the Wyoming Extended Standards (WYES). Educators can create assessments from a provided bank that houses thousands of assessment items or by creating their own. The types of items available for use and/or to build are aligned to the WY-TOPP and WY-ALT summative assessments.

With the Authoring Tool, assessments and results will be available in the same systems as the state summatives; tests will be taken in the Test Delivery System (TDS) and results will be available in Centralized Reporting. There is no cost to schools or districts to use the Authoring Tool, which will be available to all Wyoming educators on **May 24, 2022**. There will be three training opportunities to learn more about the tool and how to write quality assessments.

- Training Options: Register [here](#).
  - From 1-3:30 p.m on May 13, 2022.
  - From 4-6:30 p.m. on May 16, 2022.
  - From 1-3:30 p.m. on May 20, 2022.

**2. Data Literacy PD** with Marzano – coming Summer/Fall 2022.

**3. Writing Workshop** – Fall 2022 – more information to follow. [Sign up](#) to receive WDE Newsletters such as the Assessment Newsletter or Standards Newsletter.

**4. ACT Data PD - The ACT Test and Your Data.**

- 8:30-11:30 a.m. on September 26, 2022 in in Powell at NW College Main Campus, Yellowstone Building.
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-4 p.m. on September 27, 2022 in Casper at NCSD #1 Central Services Facility.
- 1-4 p.m. on September 29, 2022 in Rock Springs, location TBD.
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. on September 30, 2022 in Cheyenne at LCSD #1 Administration Building, Room 306.

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