

CHANGES 2019 WY-ALT

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From Paper-Pencil to Online

The WY-ALT has transitioned from a paper-pencil test to an online test administered through the Test Delivery System (TDS).

No Second Scorers

There will be no more Second Scorers for the WY-ALT. As the WY-ALT is now administered through the online Test Delivery System, Test Administrators will not score students. Therefore, Second Scorers will not be needed.

No Grade 11 Assessment

The spring 2019 WY-ALT will not be administered in Grade 11. The grades in which the WY-ALT will be administered are grades 3–10 for ELA and mathematics, and grades 4, 8, and 10 for science.

Certification Course Required

All Test Administrators must complete the online TA Certification Course, in addition to attending the in-person spring 2019 WY-ALT Test Administrator Trainings, before they can administer the WY-ALT.

Students in TIDE

Test Coordinators are no longer responsible for adding students or updating student demographic information in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). If any student addition or demographic change is needed, Test Coordinators should contact the Wyoming Department of Education.

Paper-Accommodated Test Materials

For students who have vision impairments documented in their Individualized Education Program (IEP), Test Coordinators can order paper-response options through TIDE.

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No Voice Packs

The WY-ALT will now use human voice audio recording, instead of Text-to-Speech (TTS). Therefore, voice packs will no longer be needed.

No Data Entry Interface

Test Administrators will no longer need to enter student responses in the Data Entry Interface (DEI), because responses will be collected automatically through TDS.

Student Scores

Student scores will not be available until August 2019, because the American Institutes for Research (AIR) and the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) must first establish cut scores for the WY-ALT.

WY-ALT Standard Setting will take place in Cheyenne, Wyoming, July 9-11, 2019, for English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science.