Student Assessment Listserv

Illinois Assessment Updates
April 17, 2015

Important Technology Updates (PARCC)

Please see the PARCC Update Bulletin and PARCC Technology Bulletin for critical Chrome browser and Java updates.

Test Form Code Verification (PARCC Computer-Based)

If accommodations and/or accessibility features for a student were not initially identified and/or the district was not able to correct them during PBA, they will need to verify and correct accommodations and/or accessibility features in the EOY portion of PearsonAccess Next. Attached you will find a document entitled “Determining the Test Form Code for Accommodations” that will help you verify this.

Student Survey (PARCC Computer-Based)

For students testing on the computer, there is an optional student survey after the last EOY unit in both ELA and math. Students will navigate directly to the survey after completing the last unit without having to enter a seal code. If a Test Administrator clicks on a student’s status in the “Students in Sessions” screen in PearsonAccess Next, the survey will appear as another section. The questions can be viewed here (ELA) and here (math). There is no student survey for students testing on paper.

Test Administrator Reminder: Test Administrator Survey (PARCC)

The computer-based Test Administrator survey is located here: https://www.humrro.org/PARCC/TestAdminCBT

The paper-based Test Administrator survey is located here: https://www.humrro.org/PARCC/TestAdminPBT

Test Administrator Reminder: Change the Administration in PearsonAccess Next from PBA to EOY (PARCC Computer-Based)

It is important that all users change the test administration in PearsonAccess Next from “PARCC Op Spring PBA 2015” to “PARCC Op Spring EOY 2015.” If a test administrator doesn’t make this change, it is possible that they might attempt to test students in the PBA administration.
EOY Student Test Tickets (PARCC Computer-Based)

The student test tickets that were used for PBA will not work for EOY. New test tickets are generated, thus they should be reprinted.

Ordering Additional Ancillary Materials (PARCC Paper-Based)

When placing additional orders of paper materials, be sure to include ancillary materials such as UPS return labels, paper bands, etc. These are not automatically included in the order.

Upcoming Webinars

We have planned many upcoming webinar opportunities to provide support during testing. Every Friday (10am) for the next several weeks we will be holding our usual Illinois Assessment Update webinar. This will cover all Illinois state assessments (PARCC, DLM, ACT, etc.). For more information and to register for the next two, click here and here. We have also scheduled recurring PARCC Open Office Hours (Tuesdays at 1:30pm) and DLM Open Office Hours (Thursdays at 11am) where we will just be online to respond to questions, concerns, and feedback.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

In preparation for transition to the electronic version of the ACCESS test, some online meetings for LEAs are being offered. No pre-registration is required.

April 24th - 2:00pm–3:00pm CST

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Live Q & A Session

Topics include: Updated information about the transition to ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and the new ordering process. There will be time to answer any questions during the second half of the WebEx.

Link to WebEx: https://wida.webex.com/wida/onstage/g.php?d=668275982&t=a

May 1st - 2:00pm–3:00pm CST

Technology Coordinators Webinar

Topics Include: Steps Technology Coordinators will need to take prior to and the day testing begins in their state.

Audience: LEA staff serving in the role of technology coordinator

Link to WebEx: https://wida.webex.com/wida/onstage/g.php?d=667053093&t=a

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

• Illinois Assessments Key Dates Calendar
PARCC

- PearsonAccess Next FAQ
- PARCC.pearson.com
- PARCC FAQ
- Math Reference Sheets
  - Grades 5-8
  - High School
- PARCC Manuals
- Scheduling PARCC Assessments
- Setting Up and Managing Test Sessions
- PARCC Text-to-Speech Functionality
- Test Administrator Scripts (Verbal Directions)
- PARCC Technology Resources

DLM

- http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/illinois
- Assessment Coordinator Manual
- Test Administration Manual
- Technical Liaison Manual
- Accessibility Manual
- Guide to Required Training
- Guide to Practice Activities and Released Testlets