Student Assessment Listserv

Illinois Assessment Updates
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PARCC FAQ Document Updated

PARCC’s FAQ document for spring testing has been updated with new information. You can find it here.

Avocet

All of the testing manuals have been posted on Pearson’s Avocet website. The website is organized by topic and also contains a search feature that will help you better locate the information you’re looking for. All documents can be downloaded and printed from the site. As the document loads on the screen, it might take a few seconds for the download button to appear.

Paper Copies of PARCC Manuals

In addition to being available on the Avocet site, paper copies of both the Test Administrator Manual (TAM) and the Test Coordinator Manual (TCM) will be delivered to districts (both those testing online and on paper). Districts will receive 1 TAM for every 25 students and 1 TCM for each school. For those districts that missed the Dec. 19 data upload deadline, manuals will have to be ordered during the Additional Orders Window (beginning Feb. 2) or downloaded and printed in district.

Pearson’s PARCC Customer Support

In addition to their phone number (1-888-493-9888) and their email address (PARCC@support.pearson.com), Pearson has introduced an online chat feature this year to help provide support for districts. The chat will become available once you log in to PearsonAccess Next. Remember to not include secure student information in messages.

Upcoming Webinars

There are several upcoming webinars surrounding PARCC and other Illinois assessments. The next two Illinois Assessment Update webinars will be on Jan. 22 and Feb. 6. For more information and to register, click here. Additionally, we will be holding a webinar specifically for test administrators and proctors on Feb. 10 at 3:30pm. We’ll cover many topics in the test administration manual and answer questions from the field. The webinar will probably be most useful for those administering the online version of the test. For more information and to register, click here. All webinars will be recorded for later viewing.

ACCESS for ELLs

ACCESS for ELLs testing began on Jan. 12, 2015, and continues until Feb. 13, 2015. All public school students in Illinois, with limited English proficiency (LEP) are required to participate. If you have students who should take ACCESS, but you did not receive any testing materials, contact MetriTech customer service at 800-747-4868. For questions about ACCESS testing, contact ISBE at 866-317-6034.