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ACT ONLINE TESTING - PURGE

The ACT online window closing April 12th.

After the online window closes, campuses must remember to remove the test content from all proctor caching computers by **Friday, April 13th.** Please follow the "How to Purge Cached Test (or Client) Content" instructions in the Technical Guide.

ACT EMERGENCY TEST DATE MATERIAL ORDER

The deadline to order makeup kits is Wednesday, April 18.

Please follow the "Makeup Orders" instructions in the PearsonAccessnext User Guide to order emergency makeup kits for the April 24th emergency makeup day administration and to order accommodated makeup day materials.

ACT ACADEMY - TEST PREP RESOURCE

ACT Academy is a free online learning platform that includes educational games, short skill tests, interactive apps, video lessons, and full-length ACT practice tests. Follow this link to the ACT Academy website.

ACT WORKKEYS

All 11th and 12th grade students have the opportunity to take the ACT WorkKeys assessment. After successfully completing Applied Math, Graphic Literacy, and Workplace Documents portions of the WorkKeys assessment, students will earn the ACT NCRC certificate.

This spring, Wyoming schools will have an opportunity to administer the ACT WorkKeys Assessment in the following window:

Test Mode and Test Window

ACT WorkKeys- Online April 17-May 1, 2018
ACT WorkKeys- Paper April 17-May 1, 2018

Building coordinators should have received an email from ACT WorkKeys. The communication included information about the ordering paper window, online testing realm set up, training, etc.

Key information to keep in mind about ACT WorkKeys:

If you have not received any information regarding ACT WorkKeys please call Jeremiah Barnhart at 319-337-1386.

Training-Attend one of ACT WorkKeys' webinars. ACT offers recorded and live webinars on topics such as Introductions to ACT WorkKeys Online Test Administration, ACT WorkKeys Test Administration Training for Paper Testing, Explore What's Changed with ACT WorkKeys, etc.

To view or register for a training please follow the link here.

For more detailed information please refer to the Wyoming- ACT WorkKeys Schedule of Events and the Wyoming's ACT State testing Website.

WY-ALT INDEPENDENT FIELD TEST

The WY-ALT Independent Field Test window is April 9-April 27.

WY-ALT students will be participating in an online independent field test during the window April 9-27. There will be 10 items per subject. The online assessment is adaptive and eliminates the use of the Student Placement Questionnaire and the Scale Score Starting Points Table. Follow the links below to the manuals and resources for training Test Administrators.

WY-ALT IFT FAQ

WY-ALT IFT Quick Start Guide

WY-ALT IFT Test Administrator User Guide

WY-ALT IFT Test Administrator PowerPoint

The IFT is administered through TDS and requires two devices that can connect to the internet (i.e., computers, tablets). One device will be used to access the Test Administrator Interface, accessible through the Wyoming Assessment Portal. The other device will be used to access the Student Interface through the Secure Browser. **The Technology Coordinator is responsible for downloading and installing the Secure Browser on all devices used to access the Student Interface.** Please review the Secure Browser Installation Manualf or more information.

Text-to-Speech is required for the IFT. Please review the Technical Specifications Manual for more information on Text-to-Speech, and the Voice Pack Installation Guide for information on downloading the Julie Voice Pack for students who are testing on Windows computers.

Please contact your technology coordinator to install the secure browser on the devices that will be used by your WY-ALT students prior to the independent field testing window. Click on the links below for technology guidance:

System Requirements for Online Testing

Secure Browser Installation Manual

Technical Specifications Manual for Online Testing

WY-TOPP STANDARD SETTING EDUCATOR PANEL

Application deadline has been extended to April 16th.

This application is for any Wyoming educator interested in contributing to setting the proficiency standards for the WY-TOPP assessments in English Language Arts grades 3-10, mathematics grades 3-10, or the legacy science for grade 10. The standards setting meeting will be held in Cheyenne on July 10-12, 2018. Travel and lodging reimbursements will be offered to panel members traveling from outside of Cheyenne. **All applications submitted by 11:59 p.m. on April 16, 2018 will be considered.** Follow this link to apply for consideration to participate.

WY-TOPP PLD EDUCATOR PANEL

This application is for any Wyoming educator interested in contributing to setting the proficiency levels descriptors for the WY-TOPP assessments in English Language Arts grades 9-10, mathematics grades 9-10, or the legacy science for grade 10. The PLD meeting will be held in Cheyenne on June 19-20, 2018. Travel and lodging reimbursements will be offered to panel members traveling from outside of Cheyenne. **All applications submitted by 11:59 p.m. on April 25, 2018 will be considered.** Follow this link to apply for consideration to participate.

WY-TOPP K-2 HEADPHONES

Please follow the links below to view the allowable resources on the WY-TOPP Assessment. The K-2 Math assessment column has been updated to include headphones. Headphones are allowable for K-2 on the ELA and Math assessment. Contact Catherine Palmer at catherine.palmer@wyo.gov or Michelle Carroll at michelle.carroll@wyo.gov if you have any questions.

Allowable Resources on WY-TOPP online assessments

Allowable Resources on WY-TOPP paper assessments

WIDA ACCESS 2.0 - INTERPRETING SCORE REPORTS

If you're looking for guidance on how to **interpret score report data**, don't miss this webinar session. The webinar will provide information to keep in mind when considering scores and the types of scores generated by ACCESS for ELLs 2.0. This session will also include general data corrections and the scoring appeals process.

There are resources and further information on the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Summative Assessment page on the WIDA website.

More information is also located in the Spring 2018 Interpretive Guide for Score Reports Kindergarten-Grade 12.

MARZANO TRAINING SESSIONS

Phase IV

Standards Based Grading

May 3, 2018 - Round House, Evanston

This session will overview effective grading practices based on proficiency scales. Pertinent grading topics, such as homework, separating academic performance from behaviors, and reassessment will be addressed. Participants will also learn different methods for calculating grades based on proficiency scales.

Register Here

May 3, 2018 - Round House - Evanston

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **April 2-6**: WorkKeys Schools will receive paper test materials
- **April 3-5 and 10-12**: Option 3 - ACT online testing window
- **April 9-10**: Marzano - Phase I & II: Assessment Literacy and Formative Assessment
- **April 9-27**: WY-ALT Independent Field Test window
- **April 16-25**: WY-TOPP paper test late order window
- **April 16-May 11**: WY-TOPP Interim Spring window (Grades K-2)
- **April 16-May 11**: WY-TOPP Summative testing window (Grades 3-10)
- **April 17-May 1**: WorkKeys testing window (Grades 11-12)
- **April 18**: ACT Deadline to return all online and makeup accommodated testing material
- **April 23**: Deadline to submit exemption requests
- **April 24**: ACT Emergency Makeup date (paper)
- **April 24-30**: ACT Emergency Makeup window for Accommodated tests (paper)
- **May 2**: WorkKeys material return via prescheduled pickup
- **May 3**: Marzano - Phase IV: Standards Based Grading - Evanston
- **June 19-20**: WY-TOPP Proficiency Levels Descriptors Educator Panel in Cheyenne
- **June 21-22**: WY-TOPP Science Content Bias and Fairness Review in Cheyenne
- **July 10-12**: WY-TOPP Standard Setting Educator Panel in Cheyenne

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