

Q&A Session for NECAP Coordinator Workshop-Hosted by NH DOE

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Date: Wednesday, September 08, 2010 (edited for clarity Sept 13, 2010)

Starting time: 8:30 AM

Q: Can we get a hardcopy somewhere so we don't need to take notes?

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 9:11 AM

A: The presentation is posted on the NHDoe website: www.education.nh.gov, the select "Nn", then "NECAP", then "Test Administration Materials, Information and Forms", then "Fall 2010 NECAP Assessment (Grades 3-8 and 11)", then scroll to the bottom of the page.

Q: Can you identify the link to access the reports within the Confidential Release?

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 9:20 AM

A: It is <http://services.measuredprogress.org> (you'll receive a memo in the next week with full details).

Q: What is the difference between the two October 1 dates? Is the first related to NH-Alts?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:43 AM

A: O-Other accommodations affect how the NECAP test will be presented to the student. The second date refers to those Alt students who arrived late, and so don't have a NH-Alt score on record. We have a method of awarding an exemption as appropriate.

Q: Will I be able to see the attendees? I currently only see my name

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 9:22 AM

A: Correct-the names of other attendees are suppressed and you can see only your own name. (There are many others who have joined us though).

Q: Is the Teacher Judgment data collection optional?

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 9:40 AM

A: Yes, but we are hoping to get at least an 80% return rate.

Q: Do you mean a teacher's judgment about a specific kid will be considered when scoring that kid's writing?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:41 AM

A: No. We are not asking you to make a judgment about how the student will do on the test. Nor do we expect that every student will perform the same way on NECAP as they do in class. Rather, teacher judgment and student performance should create a sensible relationship. If this doesn't happen, we then have an opportunity to ask more questions.

Q: I am an experienced test coordinator, but am working at the High School level for the first time. Will this workshop address testing peculiarities for 11th graders as it relates to credits?

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 9:46 AM

A: Not specifically-though the DOE does produce a comprehensive "Participation" document (available on their website) that should provide you with helpful information. I'll forward your question to Tim K. as well.

Q: Dumb question: Does the LEP provision apply to exchange students?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:39 AM

A: No. In fact, exchange student must demonstrate proficiency in English to be allowed into the program. English is a second language for them, but they are proficient.

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A: And, it is not a dumb question.

Q: DO GED Options students need to take the NECAP test?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:28 AM

A: Participation has to be consistent with enrollment codes submitted to us by the district. Enrollment codes of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, or 12 have to take the test. 12 is listed as GED Options program.

Q: Is code 12 for GED options only, or GED students under an ALP as well who may be studying for it outside of school?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:30 AM

A: From the i4see site: "12 - The student is enrolled in a GED Options Program." I suspect that students studying outside of school for the GED are considered drop outs, and are not required to test. But, we go by the codes you turn into us.

Q: If I have a student who is technically in 10th grade until his correspondence course is done because of credits, but he should be in 11th grade does he take the test? Or does he wait until next year when he will technically be a senior?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:25 AM

A: We work with the grade of enrollment that is submitted in the BOY enrollment files. If the student is listed in that file as being in grade 10, then the student does not test (and you will have to test next year).

Q: Would you please reiterate the comment about time and the T1 accommodation. If a student is working hard and has a few questions left at the end of the 90 minutes, do they need to have the T1 accommodation already in place or can they be allowed to finish?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:34 AM

A: Accommodations are decided prior to testing. You may not grant a student additional time unless the T1 accommodation was assigned to the student prior to the session. Sorry. You may assign the T1 accommodation in advance of future sessions.

Q: we had a call from a student who transferred to VLAC, stating that VLAC told them to contact us for testing. Do we need a label for that student? How does this work?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:32 AM

A: VLACS will order a label for the student (during second round label request). They will take the test at your school, but the score will be reported in the VLACS data as long as the student is enrolled full time at VLACS.

Q: Could you please clarify whether or not the Grade 3 test consists of one test booklet including answers or both a test booklet and answer booklet? Thanks!

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 10:39 AM

A: The grade 3 (and 4) test booklets are integrated-they include both the questions and answer spaces in one booklet.

Q: Could we clarify when will the test materials get distributed to schools. We were planning on starting the testing by Oct. 4th. If the deadline for labels is September 30 will they get to us in time?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:36 AM

A: Test materials should arrive by September 17. It will include test materials and labels. You can start testing with that material. If you need additional labels, go ahead and order them through i4see. Add the late labels when they arrive.

Q: Is this the first year integrating an all-in-one test booklet for Grade 4?

Priority: N/A

Shannan Douglas - 10:47 AM

A: No, grade 4 has been integrated previously.

Q: What are our responsibilities for home-school students?

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:56 AM

A: If they want to test, then you have to test them (in your building, and with your schedule). Mark their answer booklet as home schooled, and the results will not be included in your school/district results.

Q: For grade 11, do we need to start the test series with the Writing test? I saw something on the slides that indicated that.

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:57 AM

A: Yes. You must start with Writing. Thanks for asking.

Q: Great job. I liked this a great deal.

Priority: N/A

Tim Kurtz - 10:57 AM

A: Thanks.

Q: PS We all liked the WebEX idea!

Priority: N/A