New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System 2017-2018 Fall Training

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Presentation Overview

- **What’s New**
  - New test items - NOT Smarter Balanced
  - Interim Assessments Information
  - Paper test information

- **What’s NOT New**
  - Assessment Portal
  - Secure Browser
  - Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)
  - Test Administrator (TA) Interface
  - Test Delivery System (TDS)
  - AIR Ways - Interim Assessment Reporting System
  - Online Reporting System (ORS)

- **Important Dates**
- **Questions/Answers**
American Institutes for Research (AIR)

- Not-for-profit organization founded after World War II
- Conducts work with strict independence, objectivity, and non-partisanship
- Consists of approximately 1,800 people dedicated to development, research, evaluation, and technical assistance for:
  - Assessment
  - Education
  - Health and Wellness
  - International Development

- Assessment focuses on online testing and emphasizes:
  - Innovative item types
  - Accessibility
  - Adaptive testing
AIR Assessment

- Delivers state wide assessments in 26 states
- Delivers on-line tests to about 1/3 of the nation’s students
- Supports general education, alternate, & English proficiency tests
- Supported peak concurrent load of ~700,000 tests in 2016.
- Expanding capacity to support 3 million concurrent tests in 2017-2018
- Has delivered NH tests since 2014-15
- AIR is excited to support NH SAS
What’s New for the 2017-2018 Assessment?

- No longer a Smarter Balanced assessment
  - No Performance Tasks or Classroom Activities
  - Reading and Writing assessed
- New test items, aligned to New Hampshire’s content standards
- New name: New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (NH SAS)
- New Interim Assessments
- ELA and Math, Grades 3-8
- New addition: Science in grades 5, 8, and 11
  - Results won’t be available until after Standard Setting summer of 2018
- No Teacher Hand Scoring System (THSS) for Interims
- No need to order paper materials (all done through the online system)
What’s New - New Interim Assessments

- Still offering two types of Interim Assessments
  - ELA and Math (grades 3-8)
    - Comprehensive Interim
    - Benchmark Modules
  - Science (grades 5, 8, and 11)
What’s New - New Interim Assessments

- **Comprehensive Interim**
  - Computer adaptive
  - Approximately 30 items per test
  - Can be given an unlimited amount of times
  - 100% machine-scored
  - Reported in AIR Ways
  - Similar to Smarter Balanced “ICA”
  - One Comprehensive Interim per grade/subject
What’s New - New Interim Assessments (continued)

- Benchmark Module
  - Fixed form
  - Shorter, “chunks” of targeted content
  - Unlimited number of opportunities
  - Machine-scored, no need for teacher scoring
  - Similar to Smarter Balanced “IAB”
  - Approximately 70 Benchmark Modules available for both ELA and Math
  - Assessment Viewing Application (AVA) can be used to review items before administering a particular Benchmark
How Do Interim Assessments Support Teaching and Learning?

They allow educators to:

- Elicit evidence of student learning to inform teaching and learning.
- Engage in professional learning.
- Deepen teacher content knowledge.
- Evaluate grade level instructional progress and plan adjustments to increase learning for all students; and
- Observe student use of the testing platform and accessibility supports with actual test items.
Interim Assessment Key Features

- Assessments are accessible in grades 3-8.
- Test items are secure; like the items on the summative assessment.
- Assessments are optional and frequency of use is a local decision.
- Test items were developed under the same conditions, protocols, and review procedures as those used in the summative assessments.
- Assessments are administered online using the same delivery software as the summative assessments.
- Provide results that teachers and administrators can examine in relation to the CCSS and then adjust instruction accordingly.
Paper Materials - “Print on Demand”

- For those students needing a paper test accommodation, we will be utilizing the Print on Demand functionality within the testing system.
  - Student requests printed material via the student interface,
  - System prints out a few questions, to maintain computer adaptiveness of the test,
  - Test Administrator receives/approves request then prints the test questions for the student,
  - Student inputs their answers into the online system,
  - Repeat as necessary.
What’s NOT New???

- Same systems that you’re used to
  - NH Assessment Portal
  - NH Secure Browser
  - TIDE
  - TA Interface/TA Certification Course (everyone is required to take this each year)
  - TDS
  - AVA
  - AIR Ways
  - ORS

- Student information will still be managed through i4see
  - Once info is updated in i4see, it will show in TIDE the next day
System-Specific Help/User Guides

- Each system has its own User Guide
- The User Guides are accessible through the Help menu of each system, and
- Each User Guide is available on the Assessment Portal
NH Assessment Portal

URL: http://nh.portal.airast.org/
Secure Browser

- Must be installed on all systems used by students for testing
- A new Secure Browser has been created for the 17-18 administration
- Download from NH SAS Portal
  - http://nh.portal.airast.org/browsers/
Single Sign-On (SSO)

- Once you sign in to any of the testing systems, you’re in!
Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE)

Navigating to and logging into TIDE
TIDE home page
Test Administrator Interface and Test Delivery System (TDS)
AIR Ways

- Provides student performance reports for the Interim Assessments
- Consists of a Dashboard page and various Assessment Reports
AIR Ways - Dashboard

Dashboard: summary of all the assessments associated with a user/institution
AIR Ways - Assessment Reports

- Assessment Reports: provided detailed performance data for each assessment
Important Dates (tentative)

- Interim Assessment window: 11/21/17 - 6/8/18
- Summative Assessment window: 3/13/18 - 6/8/18
- Secure Browser GO-LIVE: 11/10/17
- Training/Practice test GO-LIVE: 11/15/17
- TIDE GO-LIVE: 11/17/17
- TDS GO-LIVE: 11/21/17
- AIR Ways GO-LIVE: 11/21/17
- ORS GO-LIVE: TBD
- Webinar schedule:
  - Technical Requirements - 11/15/17
  - TIDE - 11/28/17
  - AIR Ways - 11/30/17
  - More to come in late 2017, early 2018
Helpful Information

- Decisions about accommodations are made by IEP teams.
- Accommodations must be documented in the student’s IEP.

- Remember!

Universal tools are generally available to all students, educators may determine that one or more might be distracting for a particular student, and thus might indicate that the tool should be turned off for the administration of the assessment to the student.
QUESTIONS???
Thank You!!!

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