

2014-15 OAAP Weekly Update



The 2014-15 Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) will utilize two different assessment systems. Science and social studies will be assessed through Portfolio/PearsonAccess. The subject areas of math and English/Language Arts will be assessed through the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment System. Additional information is available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.

Overview

An overview on alternate assessments has recently been developed by OSDE-SES. Particular emphasis is placed on the purposes of alternate assessments, participation criteria for alternate assessments, and the types of alternate assessments available. The overview is in the form of a webcast and can be accessed here: <http://ok.gov/sde/alternate-assessment-overview>.

High School Students can be Assigned Rosters in Educator Portal

A new Roster Template was released Monday, November 3. Please note, records uploaded after Friday, October 31 using the previous template will be rejected. Rosters for high school students will need to be created by uploading a Roster Template into Educator Portal, as opposed to creating a roster manually. When uploading a Roster Template, district test coordinators will need to use unique codes in the matching fields. These codes are specific to the End-of-Instruction course(s) the student will be assessed in and is currently enrolled in. The file containing these codes can be accessed from the [Data Steward Resource Page](#); it is titled “High School EOI Course Codes.” Directions for assigning students to roster and uploading rosters is found in the Data Steward Manual under the heading “Manage Roster Data,” which is also available on the [Data Steward Resource Page](#). In addition, please review the [Data Steward Manual Release Notes](#) for a summary of changes and corrections to the 2014-15 Data Steward Manual. If you have technical questions during the upload process, please contact the DLM Help Desk at 1-855-277-9751.

Roster Template (csv)	←
<i>add rosters to Educator Portal</i>	
Test, Exit, and Clear (TEC) Template (csv)	
<i>remove students from Educator Portal</i>	
Test Updates Page	
<i>DLM webpage with breaking news on test administration activities</i>	
User Template (csv)	
<i>add users to Educator Portal</i>	
High School EOI Course Codes	←
<i>Oklahoma's end of instruction course codes used in the Roster Template</i>	

DLM Administration

All students who are eligible for the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) in grades 3-8 may participate in Phase A, B, and C field tests. Students in grades 9-12 will have the option to participate in Phase C field testing, January 5 – March 6. Phase C field tests will contain specific End-of-Instruction testlets. Field testing is entirely optional; school districts must decide whether or not to participate. Field testing will provide test administrators and students practical experience interacting with DLM assessments. The operational spring

window is March 16 – May 1; students qualifying for the OAAP are required to be assessed during the operational spring window.

Portfolio Administration (Science, History, and Geography)

Professional development for the 2014-15 OAAP Portfolio administration is available. Training is exclusively online in the form of a webcast. Teachers who are implementing the OAAP Portfolio are required to complete the training.

The 2014-15 OAAP Rubrics, Portfolio Administration Manual, and links to the Portfolio administration training and Alternate Assessment overview webcasts are available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.

PEARSON Student Enrollment

Students may be enrolled/registered into the PEARSON system once the operational window opens. For Winter 2014, those dates are November 3 – December 19. For Spring 2015, those dates are January 12 – May 1. District test coordinators who do not have a Pearson account will need to contact Pearson in order to have an account created. The Pearson call center is open Monday – Friday 6:00 am - 7:30 pm (CST) and can be reached at 1-866-294-9970 or by email at OKhelp@support.pearson.com.

All resources specific to the 2014-15 OAAP are available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>, including recently added 2014-15 blueprints for all grade levels. Oklahoma resources relating to specific DLM roles are available at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/oklahoma>.

2014 Winter Retest Window (Biology and US History Only)

The window for the Winter End-of-Instruction (EOI) administration is open and is scheduled to close December 19, 2014. The Winter EOI will only be available to students taking United States History and Biology, since these tests are available in the DLM assessment system. Please note, only 2nd time test takers and high school seniors are allowed to test during the winter window. Students needing to meet graduation requirements for the subject areas of math or English/Language Arts will need to meet this requirement through alternate means, such as end-of-course projects.

DLM Timeline

Phase	Date	Assessments
B	Nov. 10 – Dec. 20	Field testing (optional)
C	January 5 – March 6	Field testing, (optional) (including Braille, B/VI forms)
D	March 16 – May 1	Operational spring window (required)

Portfolio Timeline

Date	Assessments
Nov. 3 – Dec. 19	Winter 2014 EOI Administration (seniors and EOI retesters only)
January 12 – May 1, 2015	Operational spring window (required)

Checklist

To ensure your district is ready for the 2014-15 OAAP, please review the following notices.

- ✓ Assign high school students to rosters in Educator Portal.
- ✓ View the Alternate Assessment [webcast](#).
- ✓ Download the [2014-15 OAAP Blueprints](#).
- ✓ Talk with your district's IT department. Confirm they are aware of the KITE Client requirements for DLM. Review <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/requirements>; make sure you are using a supported browser to navigate KITE Educator Portal.
- ✓ Determine if your district will participate in DLM field testing.
- ✓ Review DLM's Oklahoma specific [Educator Resource Page](#) and subscribe to DLM Test Updates.
- ✓ View available Portfolio administration training at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.