

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, and Curriculum Coordinators

FROM: CTB’s Oklahoma Grades 3-8 Benchmark Program Team and Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE)

DATE: February 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Oklahoma Grades 3-8 Benchmarks – **Acuity Benchmark Introduction Training**

Dear Oklahoma Educator,

Beginning this winter, the OSDE is providing the opportunity for Oklahoma educators to use a free Benchmark tool with the Grades 3-8 assessments for OCCT and OMAAP. Acuity is the Benchmark assessment system from CTB/McGraw-Hill, which will host the Benchmarks, free to all public school districts administering the OCCT and OMAAP assessments.

Acuity delivers the only award-winning assessment system available for high school that emerges directly from the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). A tightly integrated system of authentic, balanced assessment solutions helps high school students build 21st century skills essential for college and career success.

The Oklahoma State Department of Education is excited to offer Acuity Introduction Training webinars for those schools that will be administering Grades 3-8 Benchmark assessments. The Grades 3-8 Benchmark testing window will be open for districts beginning on Monday, February 25 through Friday, March 18, 2013.

Each one hour training session is designed to:

- **Model the student experience,**
- **Generate and view class rosters showing student usernames and passwords,**
- **Manually score constructed response items using rubrics and exemplars located within Acuity,**
- **Generate Acuity reports, and**
- **Review HELP features within Acuity.**

We will be providing several weeks of training webinars from February 04–22, 2013.

Please join us at one of the following webinar sessions as we introduce you to the features and functionality of Acuity.

Date	Time	Webinar Information
Wednesday February 6 th 2013 February 13 th 2013 February 20 th 2013	8:00AM–9:00AM CST	Audio Portion: 888-606-5823 Passcode: CCARAVEO JOIN https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RG4777912&p=CCARAVEO&t=c
Wednesday February 6 th 2013 February 13 th 2013 February 20 th 2013	3:30PM–4:30PM CST	Audio Portion: 888-606-5823 Passcode: CCARAVEO JOIN https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RG4760182&p=CCARAVEO&t=c

Thursday February 14th 2013 February 21st 2013	9:00AM–10:00AM CST	Audio Portion: 888-606-5823 Passcode: CCARAVEO JOIN https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RG4777569&p=CCARAVEO&t=c
Thursday February 14 th 2013 February 21 st 2013	3:00PM–4:00PM CST	Audio Portion: 888-606-5823 Passcode: CCARAVEO JOIN https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RG4760188&p=CCARAVEO&t=c
Friday February 8 th 2013 February 15 th 2013 February 22 nd 2013	8:00AM–9:00AM CST	Audio Portion: 888-606-5823 Passcode: CCARAVEO JOIN https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=RG4777912&p=CCARAVEO&t=c

We look to working to working with you to ensure a successful Acuity Benchmark implementation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the CTB Oklahoma Help Desk.

Thank you,

The Oklahoma Grades 3-8 Program Team

Questions?

For questions about the test administration or other technical information, please contact:	For questions or information regarding OK EOI policy and testing procedures, please contact:
CTB Oklahoma Help Desk Toll Free: (888) 282-2010 Email: OK_Helpdesk@ctb.com Web site: http://www.ctb.com/ok	Oklahoma State Department of Education, Office of Accountability and Assessments Phone: (405) 521-3341 Web site: http://www.sde.ok.gov