



To: Social Studies Teachers, PK-12
From: Kelly Curtright, Director of Social Studies Education
Date: July 28, 2014
Regarding: Social Studies Assessment Update

Two points of crucial information on social studies as you plan for the start of school.

1. Social Studies Standards (2012) to be Used for Instructional Alignment

With the governor's approval of HB3399 the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics were repealed. The subject matter standards for ALL OTHER SUBJECT AREAS are still in force. The State Social Studies Standards adopted in March of 2012 are the legal regulations for aligning local district curricula and instructional materials. **Whether the copy you have has the Statue of Liberty (green) or the high school students (blue), those are the correct standards to use.** The digital version can be found using this direct link. http://ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/documents/files/Social_Studies_OK_Academic_Standards.pdf

2. Social Studies Assessment News

- A. In June committees comprised of social studies classroom teachers, college professors and other public persons were convened to draft Performance Level Descriptors to guide the setting of the performance level standards, commonly call "cut scores." The Standards Setting Committees for Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 8 U.S. History, and High School U.S. History met and recommended impact data/cut scores to the Commission on Educational Quality and Accountability (CEQA). The CEQA also approved a recommended three year phase-in plan of the cut scores. Those two proposed recommendations were adopted by CEQA. More information is provided in the CTB Memo below or see the attached pdf.
- B. Final State level scores will be available soon. These are formulated using the final student/district scores. The scores for the Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 8 U.S. History, and High School U.S. History EOI will be calculated into the 2013-2014 A-F Report Cards.
- C. **Moving forward for the 2014-2015 school year ALL FOUR SOCIAL STUDIES ASSESSMENTS will be operational.** The four statewide social studies assessments are Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 7 World Geography: Eastern Hemisphere, Grade 8 U.S. History, and High School U.S. History EOI. These tests will result in student, school,

district, and state level scores. These scores will be factored into the 2014-2015 A-F Report Cards.

- D. Final District student scores are in the process of being posted online to the CTB Web site. See the CTB memo below. This memo was sent to your local School District Testing Coordinator (DTC) on July 24, 2014.
- E. Note that the Performance Level Descriptors (PLDs) are posted on the SDE Web site. See the link in the CTB memo below. The posted Blue Prints are accurate, except for the school year designation. That info piece will be updated soon. The percentages allotted for each standard will not change.
- F. The PLDs, Blue Prints, and Item Specifications (soon to be updated with additional item examples) can be found on this page using the following link.
<http://ok.gov/sde/documents/2013-09-05/blue-prints-plds-item-specs>.

If I can be of further assistance, feel free to call me or email me.

Best regards,
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Director of Social Studies Education

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Test Coordinators
FROM: CTB's Oklahoma Program Team
DATE: July 23, 2014
SUBJECT: 2014 Social Studies Cut Scores and Results

STANDARD-SETTING PROCESS

In June 2014, committees of Oklahoma educators were convened to make recommendations on performance level descriptors (PLDs) for the Grade 5 Social Studies and the Grade 8 and EOI U.S. History exams. Then standard-setting committees, again including Oklahoma educators from across the state, used these PLDs in a Bookmark Standard-Setting Process to establish recommended cut scores. Looking at these recommendations, the Oklahoma Commission on Educational Quality and Accountability (CEQA) established the final PLDs and cut scores as required by state statute. In addition, CEQA set a three-year phase-in of the cut scores with 2013-2014 being the first year and full implementation taking place in 2015-2016.

PERFORMANCE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS

PLDs describe the academic performance required for the Advanced, Proficient, Limited Knowledge, and Unsatisfactory levels. They will be posted at <http://ok.gov/sde/documents/2013-09-05/blue-prints-plds-item-specs>.

RAW CUT SCORES FOR 2013-2014 OPERATIONAL TESTS

Social Studies/U.S. History	Limited Knowledge	Proficient	Advanced
EOI Winter/Trimester Form A	26	33	45
EOI Winter/Trimester Equivalent Form	27	34	46
EOI Spring Forms A and B	26	33	46
EOI Spring Equivalent Form	27	34	46
EOI Summer	27	34	46
Grade 8	20	27	35
Grade 5	19	25	33

POSTING OF RESULTS

Reports will be available on the following schedule:

Thursday, July 24, 2014 - EOI Spring Optional Retest
Thursday, July 24, 2014 - EOI Spring Operational
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 - EOI Winter/Trimester
Wednesday, July 30, 2014 - 3-8 Spring Operational

PDF reports will be posted organized by district and school. Csv reports will be posted for the district only and in a fixed width format for use in Excel.

- Go to the CTB Oklahoma Web Portal at www.ctb.com/ok
- Click on the *Access your CTB Single Sign-On (SSO) Account* button
- Enter your User ID and Password information
- Under the *Reports and Secure Data* header, select *Secure File Sharing*
- Your location is indicated in the left-hand navigation panel and title bar
- The file is posted under the following header under *Files Uploaded*:
 - Grades 3-8 Spring 2014
 - EOI Winter/Trimester 2013-2014
 - EOI Spring 2014
- Select the file you wish to view by clicking on the filename, or by checking the box and selecting *Download*

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the CTB Oklahoma Help Desk. Our Customer Care representatives will be happy to assist you. For any policy-related questions, please contact the Office of Assessments, State Department of Education.

Thank you,
CTB/McGraw-Hill
Oklahoma Scoring Team

For questions about the test administration or other technical information, please contact:	For questions or information regarding OK 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 Assessments Phone: (405) 521-3341 Web site: http://www.sde.ok.gov

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“Those who throw stones usually are not good at building. Don’t tear something down unless you can build something better to replace it.” (from Kelly Curtright, Facebook post, April 27, 2014)

