What’s New in Student Assessment for 2012 - 2013

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Testing Contractors

- CTB/McGraw-Hill will serve as Oklahoma’s testing contractor for the 2012 – 2013 school year for the following grade levels.
  - OCCT EOI
  - OMAAP EOI

- An OCCT and OMAAP Grades 3 – 8 contractor will be named in December.

- Pearson will continue to serve as the contractor for the Office of Special Education.
  - OAAP Grades 3 – 8 and EOI
Oklahoma College, Career, and Citizen (C³) Ready Standards

- The *Priority Academic Student Skills (PASS)* have been renamed and are now identified as the Oklahoma C³ Standards.

- These standards should not be confused with the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) which were adopted by Oklahoma in 2010.
Oklahoma C³ Standards for Science

What has changed?

A change in academic standards:
- During 2010 – 2011, Science standards were revised by committees of Oklahoma teachers and community stakeholders and were adopted by the State Board of Education in Spring 2011.
- The science academic standards revision resulted in new objectives and skills being added at each assessed level for Grades 5 and 8.
- For Biology I, the objective realignment resulted in one (1) less content standard, while other standards gained objectives.
- The blueprint alignment and emphasis changed.

A change in rigor:
- Under direction from the U.S. Department of Education, the OCCT Grade 8 and Biology I assessments have increased the cognitive demands on students from previous years.

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Oklahoma C³ Standards for the Social Studies

What has changed?

- In the fall of 2011, committees convened to review and update PASS for social studies.
- With the adoption of the CCSS, it became apparent that the two sets of curriculum frameworks needed to be merged.
- From this review, the Oklahoma C³ Standards for the Social Studies were developed and reflect the strengths of the previous PASS Standards, as well as some new content and literacy skills.
- The result is a new robust, vigorous social studies curriculum framework with high expectations for what Oklahoma students should be able to do and know as literate citizens.
Oklahoma C³ Standards for Science and the Social Studies

How do these changes in standards affect testing this year?

- Due to changes to the academic curriculum or curriculum alignment, new standards will be set after Spring testing for the following subjects:
  - OCCT Grade 5 and 8 Science
  - OCCT EOI Biology I and U.S. History (Winter/Trimester and Spring tests)
  - OMAAP Grade 5 and 8 Science
  - OMAAP EOI Biology I and U.S. History (Winter/Trimester and Spring tests)

- Student scores will be available after standard settings in mid to late June.
  - Student Roster Reports will be posted online for OCCT and OMAAP EOI Biology I and U.S. History.
Testing Updates for Grades 3 – 8
Social Studies Field Testing
Grades 5, 7, and 8

- New Oklahoma C³ Standards in Social Studies were adopted in March 2012.

- Students in Grade 5 Social Studies, Grade 7 Geography, and Grade 8 U.S. History will participate in field tests over these new standards.

- Students will NOT receive scores this year.
  - Only data on the items will be collected and reviewed.
  - Next year (2014), an operational test will be administered with new standards set after testing.
Science Grades 5 and 8

- New Oklahoma C³ Standards in Science were adopted in Spring 2011.
- Field testing of items occurred in Spring 2012.
- New standards will be set after testing for Grades 5 and 8 tests.
  - Scores will be delayed until late June.
Grades 5 and 8 Writing

- Because of the delay in awarding the Grades 3 – 8 testing contract, the Grades 5 and 8 Writing tests were delayed until April.
- New statewide Writing days are now scheduled for **April 3 – 4, 2013**.
- Two Writing prompts will be administered.
  - The **operational test** will be administered on **Wednesday, April 3**.
  - A **field test prompt** may be administered either on the same day or on **Thursday, April 4**.
  - Make-up tests for absent students may be given between April 5 and the close of the multiple-choice, paper/pencil window on **April 24**.
  - **REMINDER**: State law prohibits any multiple-choice tests from being administered before April 10.
Grades 5 and 8 Writing

- The Writing tests will be passaged-based as part of the transition to the Common Core State Standards.
- Students will be asked to write to a specific mode for the operational test.
  - Grade 5: opinion, informational, or narrative
  - Grade 8: argument, informational, or narrative
- Students will write to any of the three modes for the field tests.
Grades 5 and 8 Writing

Students with a reading accommodation for another tested subject as outlined in their IEP, 504 Plan, or ELL accommodation may have the passage and the prompt read to them.

- A read-aloud accommodation must be given either individually or in a small group (no more than five (5) students).
- In a small group setting, all students should have the same test form.
- Mark the “Read-Aloud” bubble on the front of the answer document.
Grades 5 and 8 Writing

- New Transitional Analytic Rubrics have been developed for scoring and are posted on the State Department of Education Web site.
  - Rubrics are mode specific for each grade level but continue to use the same five (5) analytic traits as in the past.
  - Writing is dually aligned to the Oklahoma C³ Standards and the CCSS.
  - Rubrics show alignment to the CCSS Writing and Language standards as part of the transition process.
Online Testing

- Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests (OCCT) for Grade 6 Math and Reading will be administered online as the state continues transitioning to the CCSS new generation of assessments.

- OCCT Grade 7 Math, Reading, and Geography and Grade 8 Math and Reading tests will continue to be tested online.

- OCCT online practice tests will be available for students to become familiar with the online environment and tools.
With the award of the new testing contract, Oklahoma hopes to offer Benchmark testing to districts for Grades 3 – 8 in Math and Reading.

- More information will be available after the first of the year.
Testing Updates for End-of-Instruction (EOI)
EOI Retakes

- According to state law (70 O.S. §1210.508 and 70 O.S. §1210.523), students who do not score at least at the proficient level shall be afforded the opportunity to retake each test up to three times each calendar year until at least a proficient score is attained on the tests of Algebra I, English II, and two of the other tests required or an approved alternative test.

- Winter/Trimester, Spring, and Summer are the three (3) available windows.
Optional Online Retest Window

Senate Bill 1799: 7,C.1 “Each criterion-referenced test required in paragraph 6 of the subsection A of this section may be administered to students at a time set by the State Board of Education as near as possible to the end of the online course; provided, if a school district is unable to administer the tests online to all students taking the test for the first time and all students retaking the test during the testing window time set by the Board, the school district may elect to administer any of the tests to students retaking the test at any time not more than two weeks prior to the start of the testing window time set by the Board.”
Optional Online Retest Window

- This law allows only students retaking (2nd Time Testers) an ACE EOI online test to retest two weeks prior to the State Board of Education approved testing window.

- Purpose of the law is to allow adequate testing time in the computer labs for students testing for the first time at the end-of-course.

- The regular Winter/Trimester or Spring testing windows may also be used for 2nd Time Testers.
Optional Online Retest Window

- Students retesting online for the OCCT Biology I and U.S. History EOIs should use the Optional Retest Window to receive immediate results.

- Students participating in an OCCT or OMAAP paper/pencil test as a 2nd Time Tester must test during the regular Winter/Trimester or Spring windows.
  - An online testing survey will be conducted to identify the number of seniors needing to apply a Modified Proficiency Score to a OMAAP or OCCT paper/pencil test to show improvement in a test score in order to meet a graduation requirement.
  - The state will consider options for these students.
Immediate Online Testing Results

- **Retest Window**: Students will receive an immediate raw score and a performance level upon submission of an online test for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology I, and U.S. History.
  - English II and English III will receive raw scores only since Writing scores will need to merge at a later date.

- **Winter/Trimester and Spring Windows**: Students will receive a raw score and a performance level upon submission of an online test for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry.
  - English II and English III will receive raw scores only since Writing scores will need to merge.
  - Biology I and U.S. History will receive raw scores only due to new standards being set in June.
48 Hour Test Results

- Student Roster Reports with scores and/or performance levels will post on CTB’s web portal 48 hours (2 full working days) after a testing window closes.
  - Online tests and multiple-choice, paper/pencil tests which are processed will be included in these reports.
  - All English II and English III tests will have a raw score until the Two Week Testing Results are posted.
  - Biology I and U.S. History will show raw scores because of standard setting.
Two Week Testing Results

- Complete Student Roster Reports will post on CTB’s web portal which includes raw scores, OPI scores, and performance levels for all tests.
  - English II and English III will now be merged with Writing.
  - Biology I and U.S. History will continue to show only raw scores because of standard setting.

- Preliminary Summary Reports post for review for the Record Editing Window.
  - Winter/Trimester- Monday, March 4
  - Spring- Tuesday, May 28
  - Summer- Monday, August 19
Acuity Benchmark Testing

- The server installation at the SDE is nearing completion for the Acuity Benchmark testing offered by CTB for Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, English II, and English III.

- Districts that notified our office of your intention or interest in participating should be receiving information from the Acuity group.

- Webinar trainings will be offered in December and January for teachers and coordinators on the use of this system.

- One (1) Benchmark test will be offered in late January or early February with two (2) Benchmark tests available beginning in 2013-14.