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# CIITS News You Can Use

CIITS News, a supplement to the KSIS & More newsletter, is focused on CIITS data quality. CIITS data comes from Infinite Campus, Kentucky's Student Information System (KSIS); therefore, it is important to know how KSIS data is used and the critical need for accuracy.

## *Happy New Year 2014 from the CIITS Team*



Left to right: Sri Srineni, Tara Rodriguez, Melissa Ferrell, Steve Roark, Christine Boatwright, Nick Gustin, Amy King, Martin Herbener, Caleb Nugent, Marty Thomas, Rodney Matejek, Pam Powers, DeDe Conner, Cathy White, Linda Burton, Janice Harris and Maritta Horne.

### *Discovery Education Assessment Results Available*

The Discovery Education (DE) interim assessment results are available in CIITS. To view the DE interim assessment results, go to School & District Data > Pre-Formatted Reports > Standardized Assessment Performance, or click on the Standardized Assessment tab on the Student Profile.

The DE interim assessment results are loaded every three months for districts that have a fully executed MOU on file with the vendor. The MOU form is available [here](#). Submit completed MOU forms to [maritta.horne@education.ky.gov](mailto:maritta.horne@education.ky.gov).

### **CIITS Password Reset Dec. 21**

To enforce stronger security measures, the KDE CIITS administrator will reset all CIITS user passwords Dec. 21. Your CIITS password should contain a lowercase letter (a, b, c); an uppercase letter (A, B, C); and at least one number (1, 2, 3). One way to create a strong password is by using a passphrase that is easy for you to remember, randomly capitalize various letters and turn some letters into numbers. As an example, take the phrase "CIITS Is Great" and change it to "CiitsIsGreat." Next, turn some letters into numbers, such as "C11tsIsGr3at." This is only an example; please do not use this as your password.

### **New Key Performance Indicators Available for State Summative Assessments in CIITS**

New key performance indicators (KPIs) are available for the Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) assessment. Staff assigned a Leadership, Specialist or Analyst role may view the assessment data using the new standardized assessment KPI or the pre-formatted report feature. Teachers may view the assessment data by choosing a section and then clicking on Standardized Assessments or the pre-formatted report feature.

To view the assessment data using the KPI, go to School & District Data > KPI Dashboard. To view the assessment data using a pre-formatted report, go to School & District Data >

Pre-Formatted Reports > Standardized Assessment Performance. Teachers also may choose one of their sections in the My Classrooms part of the CIITS homepage and then click the Standardized Tests tab. Alternatively, teachers may select the Standardized Assessment tab on the Student Profile to view standardized assessment results.

The 2012-2013 standardized assessment results for K-PREP, Alternate K-PREP, Student Growth Percentile for Reading and Math, End of Course, College and Career Readiness, ACCESS for ELLs, and Stanford 10 assessment results are available in CIITS.

### ***Upcoming CIITS Focus Group Meetings***

KDE has scheduled two CIITS focus group meetings for January. Each interactive, three-hour session will offer product knowledge and provide an opportunity to share opinions and generate ideas among CIITS users. KDE and Pearson staff will be there to answer product questions and share program information. Any school or district staff are welcome to attend.

The first session will be Jan. 7 at the Christian County Board of Education (Hopkinsville), and the second session will be Jan. 21 at the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) in Ashland.

Interested individuals may click [here](#) to register for one of these sessions through the EDS module within CIITS.

### **Student Growth Percentile Reports Now Available to Review from CIITS**

Teachers now have access to their Student Growth Percentile Reports in CIITS. Teachers can use this report to analyze their previous year's sections of students from 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and the present sections of 2013-2014. They may use this data to inform Self-Reflection, Professional Growth Planning and, of course, Student Growth Goal Setting. Click [here](#) to view a video containing more details.

In addition, a Student Growth Percentile Report presentation that will take the user step-by-step and will show how to access the report is available [here](#). KDE will be working with teachers, schools and districts to support using these reports in the coming months.

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