



Monday DAC E-Mail

October 8, 2018

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: When should District Assessment Coordinators (DACs) expect to receive Alternate K-PREP materials for Window 1?

A: Materials for the Window 1 Alternate K-PREP Attainment Tasks administration will arrive in districts the week of October 22-26. The materials will represent assessments for reading in grades 3-8 and 9, mathematics in grades 3-8 and 10, science in grades 4, 7 and 11, writing in grades 5, 8 and 11 and social studies in grades 5 and 8. Binders will ship for schools only this year; district level copies will be provided loose to better serve the district when making copies or sharing with schools. For questions please contact [Kevin O'Hair](#) with the Division of Assessment Support.

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Important Dates

Oct. 5-Nov. 5:	ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Test Materials Ordering Window
Oct. 8:	Data Review Closes for New Individual Student Change Requests in SDRR
Oct. 17:	WIDA ACCESS Webinar, 1-2 p.m. CT: <i>ACCESS for ELLs for new District Test Coordinators</i>
Oct. 18:	WIDA ACCESS Webinar, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CT: <i>Test Scheduling</i>
Oct. 22- Oct. 23:	Scott Trimble Workshop on Instruction and Assessment at Crowne Plaza in Louisville
Oct. 22- Oct. 26:	Alternate K-PREP Window 1 Materials Shipment to Districts
Nov. 2:	ACT Scores Removed from PearsonAccess ^{next}
Nov. 2:	Alternate K-PREP Combined Overview-Attainment Tasks Online Quiz to Close
Nov. 5- Dec. 14:	Alternate K-PREP Window 1 Test Administration
Nov. 8:	Administration Code/Inclusion of Special Populations Training for Allegations in Frankfort
Nov. 15:	Administration Code/Inclusion of Special Populations Training for Allegations in Frankfort

OCTOBER MONTHLY DAC WEBCAST

The Office of Assessment and Accountability (OAA) will host its live monthly District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) webcast on Thursday, October 11 from 11 a.m. – 12 noon ET. Future broadcasts are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month.

The webcast will be hosted by Jennifer Stafford, Director, in the Division of Assessment Support. Jenni Larkins, Program Consultant, will provide the latest information regarding the new college admissions vendor, ACT. Other topics include re-opening the Kentucky Accountability System regulation (703 KAR 5:270), and a shareholder group convening to discuss the growth

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indicator. The PowerPoint presentation will be shared in a Special DAC E-mail early Thursday morning.

Please join Jennifer and Jenni at 11 a.m. ET on Thursday for the [live broadcast](#) from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Studio in Frankfort. Questions may be asked by sending an e-mail to [KDE DAC Information](#).

These sessions will be recorded and posted on the [KDE Media Portal](#) and the [KDE Meetings and Trainings](#) page with any pertinent materials.

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DAC Spotlight

Nestled in the mountains at the edge of eastern Kentucky, Rowan County Public Schools has been serving the people of Rowan County since 1901. They serve over 3,000 students with four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, and one alternative school. All schools are fully accredited by AdvancEd, one of the most prestigious educational accreditation organizations in the nation. Rowan County was only the seventh school district in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to earn full district accreditation from AdvancEd, an honor, which the district continues to hold.

Partnering with Morehead State University and Maysville Community and Technical College Rowan County students have many options for advanced placement and technical skills to prepare them for the work force.

“As I, a fourth-generation teacher, begin my 33rd year serving the students of Rowan County, I am reminded of those who were my educational foundation. My great-grandmother Mary Ann Bradley taught with Cora Wilson Stewart (Rowan County Superintendent) and also the first woman to be elected to the position of president of the Kentucky Education Association. She helped open Moonlight Schools in Rowan County and later across the United States, educating illiterate adults at night in the schools where children studied during the day. My grandmother also taught students in a one-room school and talked about differentiated instruction well before I was introduced to the term. My father continued the teaching tradition and played a huge role in my desire to become a teacher. I began my teaching career at the elementary level, later served as a mathematics resource teacher for the district, and in 2015 began serving as the District Assessment Coordinator.

“While it’s good to reflect on the past it’s even more exciting for me to see future educators in our New Teacher Induction program each year. All newly hired teachers attend a Teacher Induction Program before the beginning of school as well as monthly new teacher meetings focused on best practices. The goal is to provide newly hired teachers the support they need to be successful in the classroom.



[Allison Mathews](#)
District Assessment
Coordinator
Rowan County Schools

“Communication is the key to helping all stakeholders invest in our students; therefore, we provide monthly presentations to our board of education members, leadership, and the community so they, too, are informed of the latest information concerning Senate Bill 1. Being informed helps everyone to realize the support students and teachers need in order to create life-long learners.”

Disclaimer: Any views or opinions presented in the article are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE).

Previous Topics

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAM VENDOR SELECTED

The following information was shared in a message to superintendents on Monday, October 1.

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is pleased to announce that ACT has been selected as the vendor for the college admissions exam, required as part of the state testing program. The new college admission’s contract with ACT is for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years and can be renewed for an additional four years.

KDE’s primary use of the college admissions exam is to measure students’ level of readiness for college in core academic content areas. Meeting benchmarks on the ACT is one way students may demonstrate academic readiness in the Transition Readiness indicator of the state’s accountability system for schools.

Beyond the state use of results, the state-administered college admissions exam also benefits students, their parents and educators in several ways. Administering the college admissions exam as part of required state testing permits students to take the exam at no cost to them. The exam is administered during the school day, providing equitable access for all students to participate.

The exam score results give students and educators a measure of students’ academic strengths and weaknesses, allowing educators to make informed instructional decisions and allowing students to demonstrate or learn of their ability to succeed in college or in dual credit courses while still in high school. As a result, students can become more engaged in preparation and planning for postsecondary opportunities. Additionally, many organizations that offer merit or academic scholarships identify and award financial assistance based on scores from a college admissions exam.

More information on training opportunities and any changes included in the new contract will be provided in the coming weeks. If you have questions about ACT testing, please contact Jennifer Larkins in the Division of Assessment Support by [email](#) or phone at 502-564-4394, ext. 4715.

UPDATED K-PREP DISTRICT AND SCHOOL LEVEL DATA FILE

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Updates have been made to the K-PREP District and School Listing Data Files located within PearsonAccess^{next}. The previous data files dated August 7, 2018 did not include science at grades 4 and 7. The new listings now show a date of October 1, 2018 in PearsonAccess^{next}. The examples below highlight the changes made.

District View

File Name	Size (KB)	Date Published
Combined Alternate K-PREP School Listing - High School	245	08/30/2018 11:32:58 AM
Combined K-PREP School Listing	15,448	08/30/2018 11:33:05 AM
Combined K-PREP School Summary Report	3,647	08/30/2018 11:29:07 AM
K-PREP District School Listing Data File	13,454	10/01/2018 11:23:38 AM
K-PREP District Security Checklist	188	04/20/2018 03:59:48 PM
K-PREP District Summary Report	594	08/30/2018 11:29:11 AM

School View

File Name	Size (KB)	Date Published
K-PREP School Listing	319	08/30/2018 11:32:35 AM
K-PREP School Listing Data File	48	10/01/2018 12:15:09 PM
K-PREP School Security Checklist	27	04/20/2018 03:59:48 PM
K-PREP School Summary Report	141	08/30/2018 11:28:41 AM
K-PREP Student Report	1,387	08/28/2018 07:35:08 PM

These updated District and School Listing Data Files now include science.

REMINDER: ACT SCORES BEING REMOVED FROM PEARSONACCESS^{next} (DAC Action Required)

The ACT high school and district profile reports from the 2018 spring state administration will be removed from [PearsonAccess^{next} for ACT](#) on November 2.

It is strongly recommended that reports are downloaded or printed prior to November 2. They will not be accessible after that date.

If you have trouble logging into PearsonAccess^{next} for ACT, e-mail [ACT Customer Service](#) or call 800-553-6244, ext. 2800 for assistance.

WIDA ACCESS WEBINARS

WIDA is hosting [Q&A Webinars](#) each month. Please check out the following webinars scheduled for October.

- Thursday, Oct. 4, 1-2:30 p.m. CT: *Technology Installations*
- Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1-2 p.m. CT: *ACCESS for ELLs for new District Test Coordinators*

Thursday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CT: *Test Scheduling*

ACT ASSESSMENT SCORES IN INFINITE CAMPUS (IC)

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) strives to publish assessment data in IC as it becomes available. In this spirit, ACT scores

from national exams taken in the 2017-2018 school year, including the June and July tests, have been imported in the State Edition of IC. KDE will publish these scores to all districts beginning on Tuesday, October 2. Please e-mail [Raymond Carter](#) with any questions on this matter.

ACCESS AND ALTERNATE FOR ELLS® TESTING SCHEDULE

The testing schedule is finalized for the 2018-2019 ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs.

Description	Start Date	End Date
Test Materials Ordering	10/05/2018	11/05/2018
Online Test Setup	12/06/2018	02/08/2019
Districts Receive Test Material	12/06/2018	12/06/2018
Additional Test Material Window	12/06/2018	02/04/2019
Test Window	01/02/2019	02/08/2019
All Test Material Received at DRC	02/15/2019	02/15/2019
Pre-Reporting Data Validation Window	03/06/2019	03/20/2019
Districts Receive Reports - Online	04/23/2019	04/23/2019
Districts Receive Reports- Printed	05/03/2019	05/03/2019
Post-Reporting Score Validation Window	04/23/2019	05/07/2019

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