

Administrative Memo

Date: January 9, 2015
To: School Administrators and District Test Coordinators
From: Sharon Helwig, Ph.D.
Assistant Commissioner
Subject: CCR-15-001 –Statewide Interim Assessment System

The purpose of this memo is to provide updated information regarding the status of the grade-level English language arts and mathematics interim assessments. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the statewide Interim Assessment System for grades 3-8 will not be available in sufficient time to effectively monitor student progress in the 2014-15 school year.

Therefore, the department and our vendor are moving focus to the preparation of student practice items and tools for the spring 2015 summative English language arts and mathematics assessments. Interim assessments will be available in fall 2015. All systems training and installation for the ELA and math summative assessments, as well as access to all training and practice resources for the 5th and 8th grade science assessments, will continue according to the schedule found in the LEA Guide to the Missouri Assessment Program.

The LEA Assessment Guide (https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-guide-to-missouri-assessment-program_1415.pdf) was updated on January 5 to reflect updates made to the schedule. While online training tools and practice items will not provide student scores, they will allow students unlimited opportunities to use the tools and see the variety of item types that they will encounter in the summative assessments.

Please contact the Assessment Section at (573) 751-3545 if you have questions or need further information.