

Administrative Memo

Date: May 27, 2014
To: School Leaders
From: Paul Katnik, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Educator Quality
Subject: EQ-14-003 – Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment – Task 4 Videotaping Alternative

The Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment (MoPTA) is a performance assessment of teacher candidates during their clinical experience and is comprised of Four Tasks. Task Four is a performance-based, summative task in which teacher candidates demonstrate their ability to plan and implement a lesson using research-based instruction. Assessing teacher candidates using a performance assessment such as the MoPTA is a critical component in determining a candidate's readiness to be successful as a first year teacher. A third-party rater assesses the effectiveness of the teacher candidate's performance in a 15-minute video segment submitted by the candidate.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) is working with the Department to develop an alternative approach for those school districts with board policies limiting videotaping in the classroom. This alternative being developed will require further testing before being included in the overall design of the MoPTA. The original launch date of MoPTA was September 2014 but due to the redesign and testing required to create a quality instrument that includes this alternative approach, it will be necessary to delay this original launch date.

As a result, we will **now** be launching the MoPTA in the fall of 2015.

The Department will work collaboratively with educator preparation programs and school districts under the guidance and support of ETS to ensure this new overall design is capable of accurately assessing teacher candidate performance.

The Office of Educator Quality will send out a follow-up memo on June 3, 2014. This memo will contain detailed information and a timeline for the proposed revision, testing and implementation of the MoPTA in preparation for its launch in September 2015.

Please note, university supervisors and cooperating teachers will continue as before with the process of assessing the quality of teacher candidates' performance. This process will include the use the state's Teacher Evaluation model.

Should you have any questions regarding the information in this memo, please contact Christina Hudson (christina.hudson@dese.mo.gov 573-751-1668) with the Office of Educator Quality.