

MAP-A Update

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MAP-A Test Windows 2017-2018	Opening Date	Closing Date
Instructionally Embedded Window	September 20, 2017	February 28, 2018
Spring Assessment Window	March 26, 2018	May 18, 2018

Window Will Close: The instructionally embedded window will close just before midnight on February 28. In case there is a change in schedule or inclement weather, it is recommended that all testing be completed before the last week.

DTC Corner

Whitelist Is Updated: The list of whitelist addresses was updated on January 21, 2018. District technology personnel are asked to update whitelist settings to ensure a smooth testing experience for students during the spring 2018 window to include...

*.s3.amazonaws.com

kite*.s3.amazonaws.com

*.cete.us

The full list of whitelist addresses is available at http://kiteassessments.org/sites/default/files/KITE_files/KITE_Client_Whitelisting.pdf. If you have questions, please contact the KITE Service Desk at 844-675-4479.

Data Cleanup Due Soon: The Instructional Tools Interface (ITI) closes on 2/28, so any changes to the Manage Tests section must be done before then. Since the Educator Portal must be cleaned up prior to the spring assessment, it is highly recommended that all user lists and student information be checked for accuracy prior to March 26. Some errors to correct: ensure that last names are in the last name boxes; students are in the correct grade levels; MOSIS numbers are correct; the category “course” was not selected; and that teachers’ educator identifiers match their email addresses.

It is Never too Late: If a student who takes the MAP-A transfers to a district, or the IEP team designates a student as needing to take the MAP-A during the school year, enroll him or her in Educator Portal immediately. To ensure that the history of the student is kept intact (such as First Contact Survey, Access Profile, testlets given, Essential Elements chosen), call Caryn to transfer students from one district to another (or from one district building to another), rather than exiting the student.

User List Cleanup: It is best practice for districts to designate a single person to take the lead and enter teacher and student information, pull reports and monitor the testing progress and delivery of all tests. The MAP-A lead may be the District Test Coordinator, the Special Education Director or some other role. Having a single person in the lead lessens the chances for data errors or security breaches.

Sign up for Free: DESE offers MAP-A testlets to all MAP-A students in grades 3-12 (at no charge to the district), even to those students who are not required to be tested. Since it is difficult for a student to learn three years of science in one year, teachers are encouraged to instruct all students in grades 3-11. Teachers are also encouraged to offer ELA and math testlets in grades 9 and 10 (although not required) to build on the concepts with students to allow them to do as well as possible in 11th grade.

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