

MAP-A Update

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MAP-A Test Windows 2018-2019	Start Date	End Date
Spring Assessment Window	March 25, 2019	May 17, 2019

Spring Assessment Window Is Open... Teachers, expect to receive one testlet per subject at a time, beginning today. Last spring the regeneration rate was 20 minutes. The system automatically adjusts the linkage level based on the student's previous response. A student with a completed First Contact Survey will receive testlets. The MAP-A students in grades 3-11 who are required to be tested are as follows:

- English language arts: 3-8 and 11;
- Mathematics: 3-8 and 11;
- Science: 5, 8 and 11.

Options for Students Who Are not Required to Test... Testlets may be used as local assessments, students may be exited from the Kite Educator Portal system or simply not tested. For more information related to Accountability please contact Data Accountability (573-526-4886, accountabilityData@dese.mo.gov) or Missouri School Improvement Plan (573-751-4234, qualityschools.dese.mo.gov).

Field Testlets Are Optional... Field test testlets are assigned to some students after the completion of the spring operational testlets in each subject. The field testlet may be harder or easier than the last operational testlet the student completed for the Essential Element. If the field test testlet is too hard for the student, the student or test administrator may leave a response unanswered or choose an option indicating the student did not respond (if available), and then submit the testlet. Student responses on field testlets will not be scored for accountability purposes, will not be shared with students, teachers or districts, and will not appear in the results files sent to the state. There is no penalty to students or teachers for participating or not participating in the field test. Ongoing field-testing is one way of improving and expanding assessments that are available for future years. Field testlets are to be administered the same way as operational assessments.

The DLM External Review of Testlets 2019... This event will be held July 23-24 in Kansas City, MO. General education teachers will work with special education experts to review items in English language arts, mathematics and science for the DLM Alternate Assessment System. Those interested in participating must complete a survey to add their names to the DLM database of potential external reviewers. The survey should take approximately ten minutes to complete and can be accessed by following this link: https://kusurvey.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6DcxFBgLc5Btxc1.