

MAP-A Update

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MAP-A Test Windows 2018-2019	Start Date	End Date
Instructionally Embedded Window (required for ELA/math and encouraged for science)	September 9, 2019	December 20, 2019
Instruction and Assessment Planner in EP is Closed	December 21, 2019	February 2, 2020
Instructionally Embedded Window (required for ELA/math/science)	February 3, 2020	May 15, 2020

Only Six Weeks of Testing Left before December 20... Half of each subject's Blueprint (ELA, math, science) should be covered by today.

ELA and Mathematics Information for the Fall and Spring Windows

- ELA and mathematics are required to be assessed during both windows for grades 3–8 and 11.
- The Instruction and Assessment Planner in Educator Portal is used to choose Essential Elements, create plans and implement instruction, then assign testlets for each window.
- The blueprint coverage guidelines (the number of Essential Elements to be assessed) are followed (which vary by grade and subject).
 - Each window uses the same blueprint coverage guidelines.
 - Teachers may choose 1) the **same** Essential Elements and linkage levels for both windows, 2) **different** EEs and levels or 3) a **mix** of both. The goal is to meet the blueprint coverage guidelines in each window.
 - Each window spans approximately three months.
 - Depending on the grade, students will need to complete 20–24 testlets total (ELA, MA, SC) across each window to meet the blueprint coverage guidelines.
 - Results from testlets taken during each window factor into a student's end-of-year score report.

Science

- Science is assessed in grades 5, 8 and 11 (but best practice is to assess in grades 3-11 during both windows).
- Assessing science during the fall window is **OPTIONAL** but encouraged (best practice).
 - If assessing science in the fall, use the Instruction and Assessment Planner to select Essential Elements, create plans and implement instruction, then assign testlets (like ELA and math).
 - Science does not have any blueprint coverage guidelines.
 - Science testlets taken during the fall window do not affect a student's end-of-year score report.
- Assessing science during the spring window is **REQUIRED**.
 - Spring science testlets are not instructionally embedded, therefore the Instruction and Assessment Planner is not used--nor are there blueprint coverage guidelines.
 - All Essential Elements listed in the [Currently Tested Essential Elements for Science pdf](#) are assessed during the spring window.
 - The Kite system assigns the linkage level for the student's first science testlet based on information from the student's First Contact survey. Student performance determines the linkage level for each subsequent science testlet.
 - Each student will have nine science testlets to complete during the spring window (2/3/20-5/15/20).
 - Teachers cannot change the linkage levels for spring science testlets.
 - Results from science testlets taken during the spring window are included in a student's end-of-year score report.

- I-SMART closes December 20.

Additional Information

- If a student tests over the same Essential Element, but at a different linkage level, the system keeps the higher score.

Concern Closing Student Portal on a Mac... There have been some calls about a conflict between the new Apple operating system and Student Portal. Here is a work-around: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-mapa-resources-closing-student-portal-on-a-mac.pdf>

DTC Corner

Check Testing Progress... Please pull reports to check testing progress and Blueprint coverage. If you forgot to save the last MAP-A Update with the filepath for reports, see this link: <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-mapa-update-100719.pdf>.

Deactivation Guidelines... When deactivating teachers at an offsite location, DTCs must delete the teacher's connection to the district, **NOT** deactivate the offsite teacher and therefore his or her connection to all the area districts. For help, call Caryn!

Report Statistics... Please tidy your district data. When I pulled the report in Educator Portal, there were several students who were enrolled, but not rostered. There were students rostered to social studies (we do not test social studies). There were several First Contact Surveys not started and many only "ready to submit" instead of "completed."

User List Cleanup... Well-done all!--for your huge effort to deactivate users in Educator Portal who are not working with MAP-A this year. Please continue the effort!

Collector App for Test Observations... DLM seeks a review of their testing program and asks district people to observe testing and complete a testing review. See instructions [here](#). See the observation questions [here](#).

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