

## MAP-A Update

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MAP-A Test Windows 2018-2019	Start Date	End Date
Instructionally Embedded Window	September 19, 2018	February 27, 2019
ITI in EP Closed in December	December 19, 2018	January 1, 2019
Spring Assessment Window	March 25, 2019	May 17, 2019

**Pace the Rate of Testing...** We are two months into the instructionally embedded window, with three months left. Remember to choose Essential Elements from the Blueprints, select EEs in Educator Portal and then CONFIRM them. After being confirmed, testlets will immediately generate. It is best practice to instruct students on the first EE, assess when most appropriate to seek the highest level of performance possible, then continue the teaching/testing pattern until all EEs are tested.

**Writing Testlet FAQ...** Choosing Essential Elements for English language arts can be confusing due to the requirement of picking the level of the student (emergent or conventional) to select a group of EEs. Please see guidance from this PDF: [https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/ERP/Writing\\_Testlet\\_FAQ\\_Instructionally\\_Embedded\\_2018-2019.pdf](https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sites/default/files/documents/ERP/Writing_Testlet_FAQ_Instructionally_Embedded_2018-2019.pdf).

**DLM Videos...** The Educator Resource Videos page is a great place to find quick and informative videos that answer many questions about the Dynamic Learning Maps® (DLM®) system and the Kite® Suite, which consists of Educator Portal and Student Portal (previously called KITE Client). The videos listed on this page serve as a quick start guide by providing walkthroughs on a number of topics that are frequently visited by users (<https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/erp/videos>.)

- Using the Kite Suite,
- Using the Instructional Tools Interface (ITI),
- Understanding the personal learning profile, and
- Verifying rosters and student data.

**Teachers Needed for DLM Study...** The purpose is to examine the correspondence between students' results on the 2018-2019 assessment and teacher ratings of their students' mastery of the skills it measures. Teachers who volunteer will be contacted by Dynamic Learning Maps and asked to complete ratings about student skill mastery for one of their DLM-eligible students, in addition to a brief survey. The ratings and survey are completed in Qualtrics, a survey tool, and should take 10-15 minutes. The teacher or district may decide to stop participating in the study at any time without penalty. Results will be reported at an aggregated level across consortium states and will not impact the calculation of student assessment results or be used to evaluate teacher performance. Volunteer before **JANUARY 26<sup>th</sup> 2019** by clicking this link: [https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4VI6fuKlsg6Xb6d](https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4VI6fuKlsg6Xb6d). DLM staff will contact teachers from the volunteering districts by email. DLM needs teachers who (1) currently teach fourth grade English language arts, seventh grade mathematics or high school science and (2) currently have one or more students rostered to take DLM assessments in 2018-2019. Teachers will be asked to complete the survey **no later than MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

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