

## 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
Science Field Testing Window	November 13, 2017	February 28, 2018
ITI in EP Closed in December	January 1, 2018	December 20, 2017
Spring Assessment Window	March 26, 2018	May 18, 2018

**DLM Seeks Feedback on Science Activities:** Teachers who have either used, or plan to use, the DLM science instructional activities during the 2017-2018 academic school year are invited to respond to a brief survey about the activities before **April 2018** to help guide future development of science activities. The survey takes about 5 to 10 minutes.

Science Activities: [http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sci\\_resources](http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/sci_resources)

Survey Link: [https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5t0tWMHjEgO4J1z](https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5t0tWMHjEgO4J1z)

Email DLM if you have questions: [dlm@ku.edu](mailto:dlm@ku.edu).

**Need Professional Development for Para-Professionals?...** Click here and review what topics would work for those in the district: <http://dlmpd.com/>.

**Status Check:** Best practices would be that districts will have given about half of the math, ELA and science instructionally-embedded testlets before Christmas break.

**Science Teaching Tips:** Currently, there are 38 assessed science Essential Elements for grades 5, 8 and 11. Best practices would be for district personnel to teach science in the prior grades (beginning as early as possible) using the associated linkage levels (until the full map has been developed) to expose students to science concepts.

## DTC Corner

### **Trouble-shooting Tips...Why aren't testlets showing up?**

- Are students enrolled and rostered?
- Is the teacher in the system and connected to the correct building?
- Has the teacher completed his or her required training?
- Have the First Contact Surveys and Access Profiles been completed?
- Have the Essential Elements been chosen and confirmed?

**Roster-Naming Tip:** Name a roster so that it is easy to find later. For example, let's say Mrs. Richter teaches middle school ELA, math and science. All of the students in the middle school who are taught math by Mrs. Richter may be on the same roster. Possible roster names for ELA, math and science could be RichterMSELA, RichterMSMA and RichterMSSC.