

MAP-A Update

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MAP-A Test Windows 2016-2017	Opening Date	Closing Date
Instructionally Embedded Window	September 21, 2016	February 28, 2017
Spring Assessment Window	March 27, 2017	May 19, 2017

Educator Portal has been updated: See the news at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/news>.

- See the cool, new **Monitoring Summary** and **Blueprint Coverage** reports that provide up-to-date information for assessment activity in the classroom, building and district (go to dynamiclearningmaps.org, log-on to Educator Portal and click the blue box called Reports).
- Two updated versions have been posted on the DESE website for the **Data Management Manual** and the **Educator Portal User Guide** under the Manuals tab: <https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/assessment/map-a>.

Science External Review Recruitment Deadline is 1/13/17: The Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment Consortium is seeking educators from its partner science states to review testlets (sets of five items) for the new assessments. We are looking for people with science expertise to serve as panelists to review items through June 2017.

- To volunteer as a panelist, complete the survey at https://kansasedu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3D9EeM2YmzhxokB.
- For more information please see *2017-18 External Review of Science Testlets* at <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/asmt-map-a-res-external-review-of-science-testlets-2017-18.pdf> at the bottom of the Resources tab.

The Instructional Tools Interface Reopens 1/4/17:

- The Instructional Tools Interface (ITI) box in Educator Portal to choose Essential Elements will be visible again next week so that teachers may again select EEs and linkage levels.
- To generate a testlet, the EE must be confirmed. Once confirmed, the teacher cannot cancel it, but **the DTC can**. Once a student has begun the testlet, the EE cannot be canceled.

Frequent Question: How do I choose Essential Elements for writing?

- Go to dynamiclearningmaps.org and click on the blue box called Manage Tests. Click on the green box called ITI.
- Teachers choose either Emergent or Conventional, and then the system assigns the appropriate writing testlets.
- *Emergent* writing testlets are for students who do not yet have early symbolic understanding.
- *Conventional* writing testlets are for students who have symbolic understanding and can use writing tools to communicate.
- Observation of student “writing” consists of any method the student uses for writing--including eye-gaze, dictation of letters and word prediction. Students write with whatever tool they use during regular instruction--such as pencil, pen, marker, whiteboard, keyboard, tablet keyboard, alternate keyboard, keyboard with word prediction software, alphabet flipbooks or eye-gaze displays of letters.
- To find Writing Instruction Modules, go to dlmpd.com and click on the “MODULES Listed Alphabetically” tab. Find the *Writing Testlet FAQ* and *Writing Testlet* at <https://dese.mo.gov/mo-cms/tabbed-blocks/map>.

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