

State Testing Preparation

Structures of State Testing

- PARCC – English Language Arts & Math
 - Performance Based Assessments (PBA) in March
 - All 3rd – 11th graders take 3 units/sessions of ELA
 - All 3rd – 11th graders take 2 units/sessions of Math
 - All 9th & 10th graders have to take either Alg 1, Geo, Alg 2 test – they take the test that matches their course they are in.
 - Students in 9th or 10th grade beyond an Alg 2 course still have to take the Alg 2 test
 - 11th graders in Alg 1, Geo, Alg 2 (or replacement course for Alg 2 like Financial Alg) take a test.
 - 11th graders beyond an Alg 2 test do NOT take PARCC
 - 12th graders in Alg 2 take PARCC
 - End of Year (EOY) Assessments in Late April/May
 - All 3rd – 5th graders take 1 unit/session of ELA
 - All 6th – 11th graders take 2 units/sessions of ELA
 - All 3rd – 11th graders take 2 units/sessions of Math
 - Follows the same format as PBA
- CMAS – Science and Social Studies Mid April
 - 4th and 7th graders take 3 units/sessions of Social Studies
 - 5th and 8th graders take 3 units/sessions of Science
- Dynamic Learning Maps – New online Alternate assessments for ELA & Math
 - Take in March-April

Preparation – District & Technology

- Monthly meetings between Assessment Department and ISTS 1st semester
- Biweekly meetings between Assessment Department and ISTS 2nd semester
- 2013-2014 school year 12 carts of 30 laptops and 30 mice and 1 cart of 15 laptops and 15 mice was purchased
- 2014-2015 school year 6 carts of 30 laptops and 30 carts of 30 Chromebooks was purchased
- 2014-2015 1050 keyboards were purchased to be used with iPads
- 2014-2015 7,120 headphones were purchased because all students need to wear headphones for the ELA PBA Assessment

- ISTS is working on entire Wireless Infrastructure

Preparation – Schools

- All Site Testing Coordinators (STCs) have attended the following trainings or support sessions. STCs are the Elementary Principals and Secondary Aps
 - Accommodations training in October
 - Security and Systems training in January
 - Pearson Test Session Set-up in February
- STC Timeline all year which includes turning in lists of students with accommodations, unique accommodation paperwork and submittal, etc.
- STCs train all of their Teachers to be Test Administrators/Proctors
- STCs are given testing days for their building from the district. They then create a testing schedule. Times, locations, test administrators, etc
- STCs work with their technologists to make sure that all internal devices are prepped for testing.
- Schools and teachers have been providing students opportunities to engage and practice with the online testing environment throughout the year and more intentionally 2nd semester.

Implementation

- On Saturday, March 7th, 49 computer and Chromebook carts will be moved into schools that begin testing on March 9th.
- Assessment team members and technologists will be deployed to testing sites the morning of March 9th to support.
- Testing will take place on assigned days. Make-ups will be the responsibility of the schools.
- Computer & Chromebook carts, mice, and laptops will be moved to different schools for testing throughout the windows.