

2014-15 OAAP Weekly Update



The 2014-15 Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) will utilize two different assessment systems. Science and social studies will be assessed through Portfolio/PearsonAccess. The subject areas of math and English/Language Arts will be assessed through the Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Alternate Assessment System. Additional information is available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.

Dynamic Learning Maps Phase B Field Test (Math and English/Language Arts)

The Phase B field test window will open November 10 and is scheduled to close December 20, 2014. Phase B field test is for grades 3-8. The purposes of this field test are to:

1. Try out testlets that could be used in the spring 2015 operational assessment;
2. Collect data that will be used to continue statistical modeling of the learning map; and
3. Solicit feedback from teachers on new assessments and on accessibility.

Field Test Resource Page

The [Field Test Resource Page](#) provides resources for test administrators. The Field Test Resource Page will continue to accumulate field testing resources throughout the 2014-15 school year. A link to this page is found at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/oklahoma>.

DLM Familiar Texts provide access to familiar texts that will be used in 2014-15 assessments. These texts may be downloaded and used in instruction. A link to the texts is located on the [Educator Resource Page](#).

Testlet Information Pages (TIPs) provide specific information that is unique to the testlet such as the type of testlet and materials/manipulatives needed. Test administrators must first access KITE with the student's login information to find the test form before locating the TIPs. Complete instructions are provided here: [About Testlet Information Pages \(TIPs\) – Phase A](#).

District test coordinator, a new Roster Template was released Monday, November 3. Please note, records uploaded after Friday, October 31 using the previous template will be rejected.

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Field Testing Logistics

In order for students to participate in the optional field tests, test administrators must complete the required professional development, student enrollment and rosters must be uploaded into Educator Portal, and the Personal Needs and Preferences Profile and First Contact survey must be completed. *Please note, if a test administrator has not completed the required professional development, the “Test Management” tab will not appear in the user’s Educator Portal account.* The KITE Client software application must also be installed on the computer being used to implement the assessment. All test administrators should read the [Test Administration Manual](#) and review “Key Steps” on page 47 before administering field tests.

Teachers wanting to familiarize themselves with this process can complete practice activities. Teachers can view testlets in the KITE system and complete practice activities by referring to the directions provided on page 4 of the [Guide to Practice Activities & Released Testlets](#).

DLM Administration

All students who are eligible for the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) in grades 3-8 may participate in Phase A, B, and C field tests. Students in grades 9-12 will have the option to participate in Phase C field testing, January 5 – March 6. Phase C field tests will contain specific End-of-Instruction testlets. Field testing is entirely optional; school districts must decide whether or not to participate. Field testing will provide test administrators and students practical experience interacting with DLM assessments. The operational spring window is March 16 – May 1; students qualifying for the OAAP are required to be assessed during the operational spring window.

DLM Timeline

Phase	Date	Assessments
A	Oct. 13 – 31	Field testing (optional)
B	Nov. 10 – Dec. 20	Field testing (optional)
C	January 5 – March 6	Field testing, (optional) (including Braille, B/VI forms)
D	March 16 – May 1	Operational spring window (required)

Portfolio Administration (Science, History, and Geography)

Professional development for the 2014-15 OAAP Portfolio administration is available. Training is exclusively online in the form of a webcast. It is a requirement that teachers who are implementing the Oklahoma Alternate Assessment in the subject areas of science and social students complete the training.

The Department of Education, Special Education Services has created a new overview of the alternate assessment. Particular emphasis is placed on the purposes of alternate assessments, participation criteria for alternate assessments, and the types of alternate assessments available. The overview is in the form of a webcast and can be accessed here, <http://ok.gov/sde/alternate-assessment-overview>.

The 2014-15 OAAP Rubrics, Portfolio Administration Manual, and links to the Portfolio administration training and Alternate Assessment overview webcasts are available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.

Portfolio Timeline

Date	Assessments
Nov. 3 – Dec. 19	Winter 2014 EOI Administration (seniors and EOI retesters only)
January 12 – May 1, 2015	Operational spring window (required)

PEARSON Student Enrollment

Students can be enrolled/registered into the PEARSON system once the operational window opens. For Winter 2014, those dates are November 3 – December 19. For Spring 2015, those dates are January 12 – May 1. District test coordinators who do not have a Pearson account will need to contact Pearson in order to have an

account created. The Pearson call center is open Monday – Friday 6:00 am - 7:30 pm (CST) and can be reached at 1-866-294-9970 or by email at OKhelp@support.pearson.com.

All resources specific to the 2014-15 OAAP are available at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>, including recently added 2014-15 blueprints for all grade levels. Oklahoma resources relating to specific DLM roles are available at <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/oklahoma>.

2014 Winter Retest Window (Biology and US History Only)

The window for the Winter End-of-Instruction (EOI) Administration is November 3, 2014 – December 19, 2014. The Winter EOI will only be available to students taking United States History and Biology, since this is not available in the DLM assessment system. Please note, only 2nd time test takers and high school seniors are allowed to test during the winter window. Students needing to meet graduation requirements for the subject areas of math or English/Language Arts will need to meet this requirement through alternate means, such as end-of-course projects.

Checklist

To ensure your district is ready for the 2014-15 OAAP, please review the following notices.

- ✓ View the Alternate Assessment [webcast](#).
- ✓ Download the [2014-15 OAAP Blueprints](#).
- ✓ Talk with your district's IT department. Confirm they are aware of the KITE Client requirements for DLM. Review <http://dynamiclearningmaps.org/requirements>; make sure you are using a supported browser to navigate KITE Educator Portal.
- ✓ Determine if your district will participate in DLM field testing.
- ✓ Review DLM's Oklahoma specific [Educator Resource Page](#) and subscribe to DLM Test Updates.
- ✓ View available Portfolio administration training at <http://ok.gov/sde/assessment>.