

Intradistrict Communication

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TO: Elementary School Administrators

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SUBJECT: EOY Acadience Testing Updates and Reminders

Evaluation, Research & Accountability would like to welcome Janice Sperry as our new testing support coordinator for Acadience Reading and Math. She may be contacted at 801-567-8873 or janice.sperry@jordandistrict.org with any questions regarding Acadience Reading or Math.

The end-of-year Acadience testing window opens on April 17th. As we prepare for Acadience testing, there are a few friendly reminders that help the district testing teams be as efficient as possible while they are at your school testing students:

- Avoid scheduling kindergarten and first grade classes back-to-back, when possible. They take longer because assessment assistants are administering both the reading and math measures.
- Encourage your teachers to be flexible. They need to be prepared to come early or late to their allotted time. We are fully staffed, so we expect to run on time or perhaps a little early.
- Be sure to have an adult runner available who knows the school and can quickly have a teacher come to the testing area, distribute student cards, and help the testing run as efficiently as possible. If schools don't have a runner available, a parent who knows where teacher classrooms are is a viable option. If there is no runner, one of our assessment assistants must do it, which means she is testing less students.
- We have left some time at the end of the testing window for assessment assistants to complete absent testing for any students at any of the 42 schools that were absent on the day(s) of testing. That said, there are typically more absences that accrue during the testing window than the assessment assistants can make up in 2-3 days at the end of the window. Any assistance schools can provide to complete some of the absent testing would be much appreciated. Please note that classroom teachers in grades K-3 may *not* administer the Acadience Reading and Math benchmarks to their students.

If you are interested in having your aides get trained to administer either the Acadience Reading or Math tests, there are two Canvas courses available:

- The Acadience Reading Canvas course may be accessed here: <https://jordanpd.instructure.com/enroll/E4MAF7>
- The Acadience Math Canvas course may be accessed here: <https://usbe.instructure.com/enroll/96NGXW>