

High School Testing Updates and Reminders

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SAGE:

- Grades 9-10:
 - SAGE 9-10 Reading, Math and Science will be administered this year
 - No SAGE writing this year (came as a result of the fact that there was no writing test on ASPIRE when it was originally announced that we were moving to that testing platform)
- EL Students and SAGE:
 - Unless an EL student enrolled in the U.S. after April 15, 2018, all EL students will take all of the SAGE tests.
 - 1st year in country: Scores do not count on school accountability, but they do count for the 95% participation
 - 2nd year in country: Scores count only for participation and growth
 - 3rd year in country: Scores count for participation, achievement and growth
- USBE Board Rule R277-404-6:
 - Revised in the USBE Jan. 3, 2018 board meeting and is effective immediately
 - *"In accordance with Subsection 53A-15-1403(1), and LEA shall reasonably accommodate a parent's or guardian's request to all a student's demonstration of proficiency on a state required assessment to fulfill a requirement in a course."*
 - Implications:
 - Requires a SAGE proficiency rating of 3 or 4; otherwise, the student will need to fulfill the original course requirement
 - Requires a signed form from the parent
 - Could be part of a teacher's addendum to his/her disclosure statement (would need to be part of the teacher's disclosure statement starting with the 2018-19 school year)
 - A copy of the signed form would need to be kept in the student's CUM folder, following the same procedures as a parental exclusion form
 - The teacher would have to track parent permission and SAGE proficiency ratings on ORS in the SAGE Portal (immediately available after the student completes the SAGE test)
 - *This would mean that a parent could substitute a SAGE proficiency rating of 3 or 4 with any course requirement – the 'reasonable' piece would probably restrict it to the grading period in which the SAGE was administered.*

- *This could also mean that the parent could choose the 'state required assessment' – be it SAGE, ACT, DIBELS, AAPPL for DLI, etc.*

ACT

- ACT Survey:
 - Two inappropriate questions on previous years' surveys asking for:
 - Student's religious affiliation
 - Income of student's parents
 - Look for a new script delivered from ACT to your testing coordinator
 - Will direct students to not answer those two questions
- ACT Writing:
 - Required this year by USBE
 - Like the rest of the test, the writing portion is paper/pencil
 - 11th grade teachers may want to have students practice writing essays without computers
 - Writing will NOT affect the composite score
 - Students will take the English, Reading, Math and Science tests first. There will be a break and then the Writing portion will be given
 - If students leave before the writing portion is administered:
 - They need to give their test packet back to the proctor
 - If they leave their test packet sitting there, we have to file an irregularity report with ACT, which runs a small risk that ACT will decide not to score the entire test
 - Best just to keep students there if you can
 - Implications:
 - Students will still get an English and a Reading score
 - They will not get a Writing or an English Language Arts score

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