

# Intradistrict Communication

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TO: Elementary School Principals  
 Middle School Principals

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SUBJECT: RISE Benchmark Training for School Test Coordinators

As previously announced, the Utah State Board of Education has elected to cancel their contract with Questar. AIR, the vendor that previously administered the SAGE test for five years, has been contracted as the temporary vendor for the next three years to administer the RISE test.

RISE Benchmarks and Interims will be available for grades 3-8 in language arts and math and in science grades 4-5 beginning on October 1, 2019. Benchmarks will be available for science grades 6-8 beginning in January 2020.

The Evaluation, Research & Accountability Department will once again offer training sessions to school test coordinators on how to use the RISE Benchmark and Interim test administration system. In-person training on the system *is mandatory for school test coordinators*, but not for school administrators or teachers.

The following sessions are available and school test coordinators are asked to register for a session on JPLS:

| Who Should Attend:                             | Available Sections, Dates, Times and Locations |             |         | Comments   |
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|  | Date   | Location    | Time    |  |
| Elementary and Middle School Test Coordinators | Monday, Oct. 7 <sup>th</sup>                   | DO 129      | 8-11 am | All sections are the same.<br><br>Register for one section only.<br><br>Each section has a maximum of 35 participants.<br><br>Register online through JPLS Course #101471<br><br>You can use testing pool hours if you are attending outside your contract time. |
|  |  |             | 12-3 pm |  |
|  | Tuesday, Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>                  | DO 129      | 8-11 am |  |
|  |  |             | 12-3 pm |  |
|  | Wednesday, Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>                | DO 129      | 8-11 am |  |
|  |  |             | 12-3 pm |  |
|  | Wednesday, Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>               | ASB PDC 103 | 8-11 am |  |
|  |  |             | 12-3 pm |  |

For interested teachers and school administrators, a shorter training will be available in the near future on WebEx. An on-demand online training through Canvas will also be available for any district employee. If you are interested in a training at your school, please contact Brooke Anderson or Ben Jameson to schedule a date and time.