





# LEA LOOK FORWARD

- 2/19: [NGSS 1.0: Introducing the Next Generation Science Standards for LEAs and School Leaders](#)
- 2/23: [School Wellness Team Training](#)
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## Deadlines

- 1/30: [Translating the Next Generation Science Standards into Practice Pilot Study](#)
- 1/31: [DC School Garden Grant Request for Applications](#)
- 2/1: [2015 National History Teacher of the Year Award Nominations](#)
- 2/17: [Healthy Schools Act School Health Profile Due](#)
- 2/17: [Request For Applications for the 2015 CTE Certification Program](#)
- 2/23: [Request For Applications for the 2015 DC Career Academy Network \(DC-CAN\)](#)
- 4/1: [PAEMST 2015 Award Nominations Open](#)

## Announcements

New



### YOUR FUTURE STARTS NOW



#### Receive up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance.

Eligible District of Columbia students can receive up to \$10,000 in grant assistance toward the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at public four-year colleges and universities. Additionally, college-bound students can apply for \$2,500 in funding per academic year toward tuition at private colleges and universities in the District, private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and two-year colleges nationwide.

Apply at [dconeapp.dc.gov](http://dconeapp.dc.gov)

for school year 2015/2016

For more information, call [202.727.2824](tel:202.727.2824)

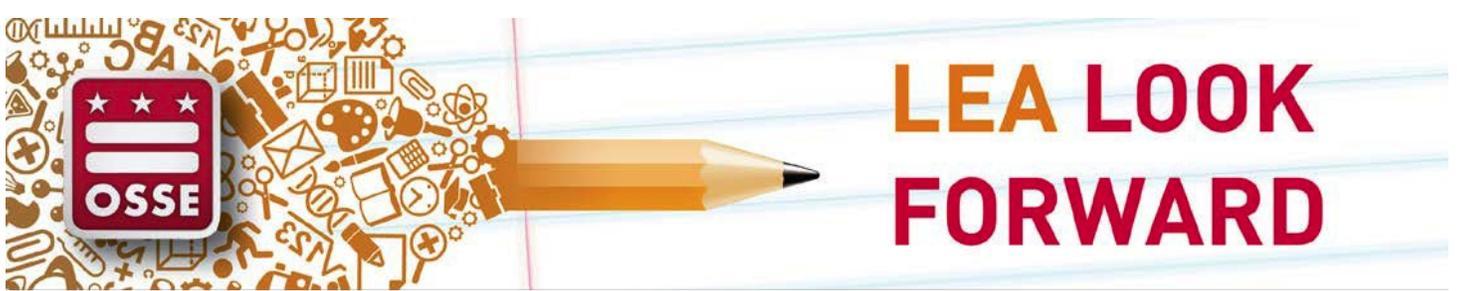
District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

[osse.dc.gov](http://osse.dc.gov)



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[DC TAG Application Opens February 2](#)



### **NEW Test Security Guidelines**

OSSE's Test Security Guidelines set forth minimum requirements to ensure that LEAs and school personnel are able to maintain appropriate test security procedures during the administration of District-wide assessments.

Please ensure that all teachers and administrators review these guidelines, which will be circulated broadly and will also be addressed at the upcoming OSSE LEA Test Coordinator trainings on February 2 and 3, 2015. Read the guidelines [here](#).

### **February is FAFSA Completion Month!**

This February OSSE is excited to announce the launch of the FAFSA Completion Initiative, which has brought together a wide array of District organizations that have committed to increase the District of Columbia's rate of FAFSA completion. The initiative includes a District-wide campaign to encourage all students to complete their FAFSA through posters, postcards, flyers, and public service announcements; an online web portal created in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Higher Education and the Kresge Foundation through which participating DCPS and Charter public high schools can access regularly updated student-level FAFSA completion data, and four FAFSA Submission Events at community sites across the city in late February that will give students and their families the opportunity to receive additional FAFSA submission assistance. All District high school counselors will receive FAFSA Completion Initiative posters, FAFSA checklist postcards, and FAFSA Submission Event flyers in the coming weeks with assistance from the DC- College Access Program. For more information on the initiative, please visit [osse.dc.gov/fafsa](http://osse.dc.gov/fafsa)

### **Test Integrity Coordinators should submit their LEA Test Plans to OSSE**

[Test Integrity Coordinators](#) who have yet to submit their LEA Test Plans are urged to send the required documentation to OSSE. For assistance, please contact [Dr. Tonya Mead](#), state test integrity coordinator, at (office) 202-741-5991 or (cell) 202-374-9066.

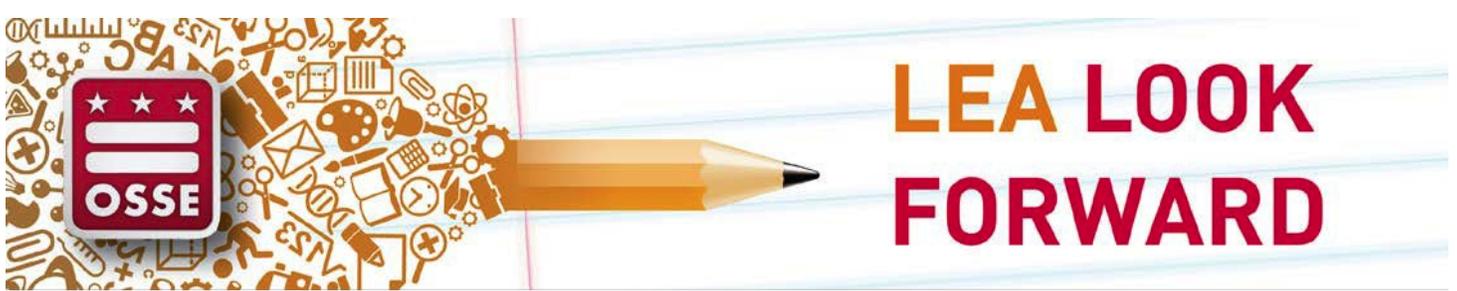
### **Reminder**

#### **New Year, New Promotion: Take the GED® Practice Test for \$1 per subject**

Take the [GED Ready®](#) official practice test to: 1) find out if you're ready to take the GED test; 2) get personal study plans to help you score higher; and 3) see the exact pages/chapters you need to study when the candidate inputs the specific name of the GED study guide used. To purchase your GED Ready practice test for \$1, log into your [MyGED account](#) and use the promotion code **READYFORABUCK** at check out. GED-eligible DC residents who do not have a computer nor Internet access may take the GED Ready practice test at the GED Program Office (GEDPO) computer lab.

Date: Effective From January 26–February 28, 2015.

GEDPO Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m;



Second Wednesdays, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.;

Second Saturdays, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by appointment.

Location: DC GED Program Office, 441 Fourth Street, NW, Suite 370, North, WDC 20001

For questions, please contact [Deysi Ramirez](#) or [Meta Trivers](#), 202-274-7173.

### **Notice of Data Collection: ACCESS for ELLs Roster Verification**

The roster verification for students who are slated to take the ACCESS for ELLs assessment will take place between February 17 and March 17, 2015. Please verify your LEP Coordinators with [Doreen Christian](#). Instructions and links to webinars will be emailed shortly to the LEP Coordinators, and will also be listed in the LEA Look Forward.

### **\*Date approaching\* LEA Special Education Point of Contact (LEA SE POC) Monthly Support Webinar**

During the school year, OSSE Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education (ESSE) host a monthly webinar support series for all LEA Special Education Points of Contact (LEA SE POC). This webinar series takes place on the third Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m.–11 a.m. LEA SE POCs should plan to attend and participate in these monthly webinars. All webinars are recorded and archived.

Each month various topics will be discussed, including:

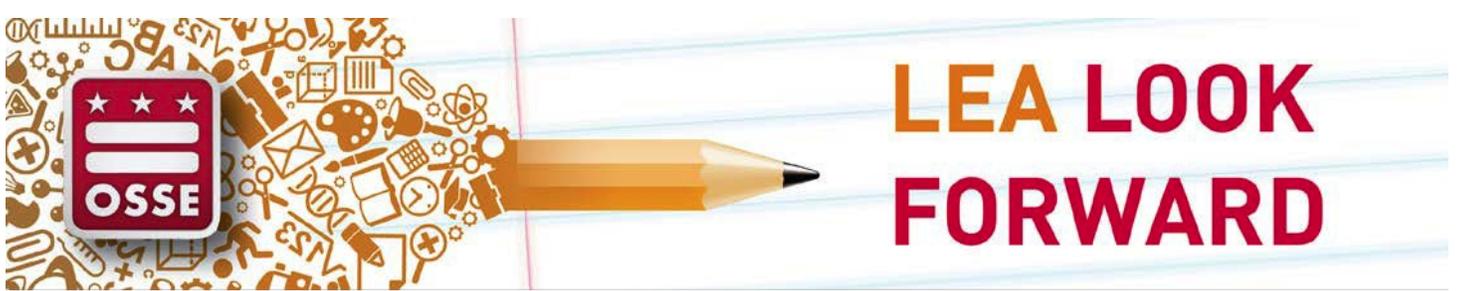
- SEDS updates and alerts
- The release of new OSSE special education policies
- OSSE Support Tool updates
- Data quality, including enrollment, records transfers, compliance reports, etc.
- Training tips
- Resources and announcements

Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015

Time: 10 a.m.–11 a.m.

[Register](#)





ESSE's Nonpublic compliance and monitoring team is conducting an informational webinar to review key areas of compliance in special education practice. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, 2015, 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

In this training, OSSE will cover the following regulatory areas:

1. Restraint and seclusion implementation, documentation, and follow up
2. Attendance and truancy notification
3. Related services documentation

Each area will be covered in 45-minute sessions to enable school staff responsible for respective areas to attend only those sessions. The format of each session will include a:

- Review of past findings of noncompliance (10 minutes)
- Summary of relevant federal and District of Columbia regulations (10 minutes)
- Facilitated Q&A discussion on demonstrating compliant practice (25 minutes)

[Register](#)

## Reminder

### Meal Pattern Training for Breakfast and Lunch

School food authorities and vendors are invited to attend the Lunch and Breakfast Meal Pattern Training hosted by The National Food Service Management Institute on February 10, 2015. This training provides an overview of the Meal Pattern for lunch and breakfast, focusing on Food-Based Menu Planning required for the National School Lunch Program. Activities and group discussion are used to reinforce training objectives.

**\*Note:** *This training does not discuss certification of compliance with meal requirements or the six (6) cents per lunch rule.*

Lesson topics include:

- New Meal Pattern
- Vegetable Subgroups
- Whole Grain-Rich Foods
- Meal Components and Menu Planning
- Calorie Range for Breakfast and Lunch Menus
- Dietary Specifications for Sodium, Saturated Fat, and Trans Fat
- Offer Versus Serve (OVS)

Date: February 10, 2015

Time: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.



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Location: OSSE, 810 1<sup>st</sup> Street, NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Grand Hall

For more information, email [Noni Robinson](#) or call 202-741-6418.

[Register](#)

## Yoga for Healthier & Happier Classrooms

Yoga & mindfulness can improve breathing and circulation, strengthen the immune system, reduce body strain and injury, and promote greater self-care and resilience. Led by a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), approved trainer, and early childhood educator, this interactive class will introduce you to yoga movement, breathing techniques and mindfulness activities that you can practice and develop in yourself and share with your students for improved health and safety in the classroom. No prior yoga experience required. \$25.00 per person

Dates: February 27, March 27, and April 24, 2015 classes available

Time: 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

Location: M Street Yoga  
300 M Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024

[Register](#)

For questions, please contact [Lisa Danahy](#).

## Event

### New

## LEA Institute II: “It Takes a City to Knock it Out of the PARCC!” Recap

On January 23, 2015, OSSE hosted its LEA Institute II: “It Takes a City to Knock it Out of the PARCC!” at Gallaudet University’s Kellogg Center. This LEA Institute was focused on preparing and gearing up educators for Next Generation Assessments (NGA) including PARCC, NCSC, and NGSS. OSSE invited national and local experts to provide pertinent information and to answer the most pressing questions in the following areas:

- NGA Communication Strategies
- Curriculum Alignment and Best Practices
- Assessment Procedures and Technology Readiness
- Assessment Considerations for Special Populations

Click [here](#) for a recap of the event and to view copies of all presentations. Save the date for OSSE’s next LEA Institute, which will be held on May 1 and 2, 2015, and will focus on best practices in education.