



LEA LOOK FORWARD



District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

A Guide to the New PARCC Assessment

The District of Columbia is implementing new statewide assessments, which includes the Partnership for Assessments of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) – Performance Based Assessments (PBA) and End of Year (EOY); Next Generation Science Standards; and the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC). The new tests will be challenging, provide helpful measures of student growth, and will ensure DC students have the knowledge and skills for the jobs of the future.

The following are DC Statewide Assessments: National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP); for (PARCC) - *Performance Based Assessments (PBA) and End of Year (EOY)*; National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC); ACCESS for ELLs; and DC Science.

DC ASSESSMENT TIMELINE:

- NAEP: January 26 - March 6
- PARCC PBA: March 2 - May 8
- NCSC: March 30 - May 16
- PARCC EOY: April 13 - June 5
- ACCESS for ELLs: April 27 - May 29
- DC Science: May 18 - June 19

For more information, visit osse.dc.gov.

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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](#)

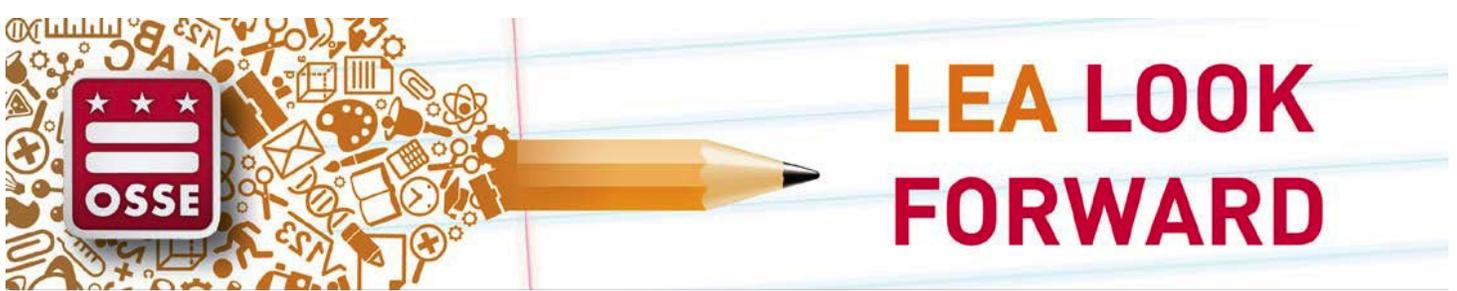
Announcements

New

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. For more information, visit www.gedtestingservice.com/promotions.

Date: Effective From 1/26 – 2/28.



awards event in DC for the first and second place winning students, their parents or guardians, coach and mentor, and team.

Project Deadline: January 30, 2015

[The DuPont Challenge© Science Essay Competition](#)

As one of the foremost student science and technology prize programs in the U.S. and Canada, the Challenge helps to increase science literacy among students and motivates them to excel in communicating scientific ideas. Students in grades 7–12 are asked to write a 700- to 1,000-word essay in one of four categories: food, energy, protection, or innovation. Prizes include U.S. Savings Bonds and a special awards trip to the Walt Disney World® Resort and the Kennedy Space Center. Teachers advising winning students receive a cash grant, the awards trip, and an expenses-paid trip to the National Science Teachers Association National Conference on Science Education.

Essay Deadline: January 31, 2015

Educator Opportunities

[Fund for Teachers](#)

Apply to be a fellow. Fellowships enrich the personal and professional growth of teachers by recognizing and supporting them as they identify and pursue opportunities around the globe that will have the greatest impact on their practice, the academic lives of their students and on their school communities. There will be ongoing information sessions and webinars.

Grant Deadline: January 29, 2015

Notice of Data Collection: ACCESS for ELLs Roster Verification

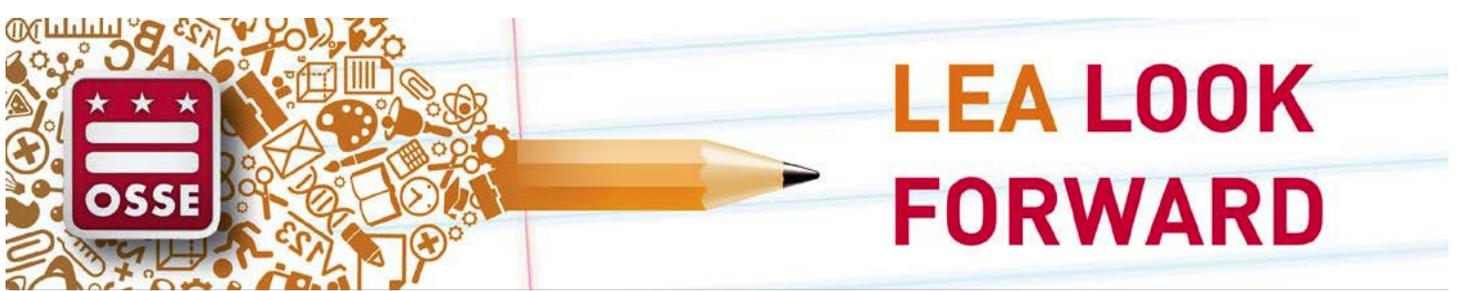
The roster verification for students who are slated to take the ACCESS for ELLs assessment will take place between February 17 and March 17, 2015. Please verify your LEP Coordinators with [Doreen Christian](#). Instructions and links to webinars will be emailed shortly to the LEP Coordinators, and will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

Professional Development

New

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 10th 9:00-4:00 p.m. at OSSE, 810 First Street, NE, Third Floor Grand Hall. 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)

Location: OSSE, 810 1st Street, NE, 3rd 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

February 27; March 27; and April 24, 2015 classes available

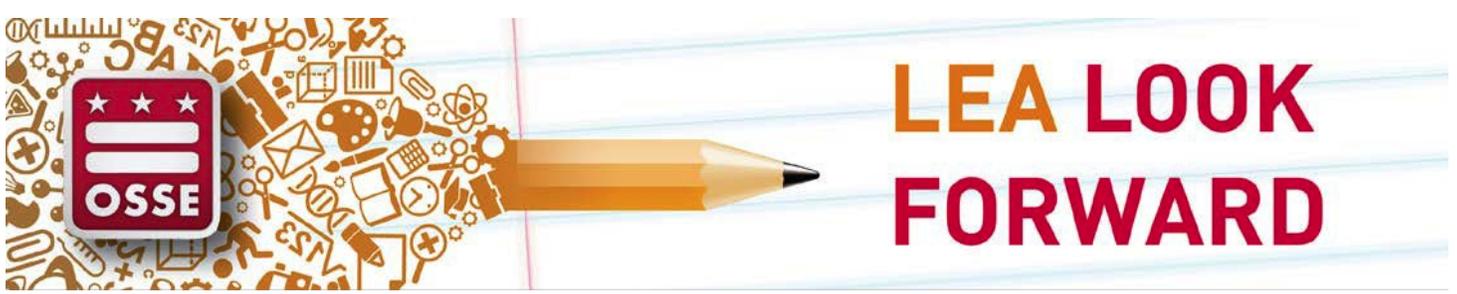
1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

M Street Yoga

300 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20024

[Register](#)

Contact: [Lisa Danahy](#)



Reminder

The Best Me I Can Be: Implementing Student-led IEPs

Research has shown that students who actively participate throughout the IEP process have higher levels of school engagement and are more likely to achieve their academic and personal goals. Participants will learn how student-led IEPs fit within the broader concept of self-determination and become familiar with resources, including “The Best Me I Can Be” film modules and the Student-led IEP Toolkit, that illustrates how to facilitate increased student engagement in the planning process for students of all ages through curriculum, activities, and guided discussions.

Presenter: OSSE Division of Elementary, Secondary, and Specialized Education (ESSE)

Date: January 30 and February 27, 2015

Time: 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Location: OSSE, 810 First St. NE, 8th Floor Room 806 A & B

[Register](#)

Preparing for Assessments with Strengthened Supports (PASS) Webinar Series

OSSE in collaboration with Charter School Essentials, is pleased to offer a series of professional development opportunities for teachers, administrators, and school leaders in DC. The Preparing for Assessments with Strengthened Supports (P.A.S.S.) webinar and training series is designed to prepare educators for the Partnership of Assessments for Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) assessment. Webinars and in-person training sessions will begin with pre-recorded webinar sessions in January and live webinar and in-person sessions held during the months of February and March. For more information, please email [Abreyon Moses](#).

Date: February 2, 2015

Time: 5 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

Trainer Contact: [Abreyon Moses](#)

Webinar link: <http://osse.adobeconnect.com/cse/>

English Language Learners: Introduction to English Language Development Standards

This webinar, led by a WIDA Learning Specialist, is designed to engage participants in learning about academic language within the WIDA English Language Development (ELD) Standards. The purpose of the live webinar is to familiarize educators who are new to the WIDA ELD Standards Framework with its components and their uses in instructional planning and language assessment.

