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Next Generation Assessment Meeting

Nov. 17, 2023 | Office of Assessments

- We look forward to speaking and meeting with you today!

- Please be advised that we have turned off your video and audio capabilities to preserve bandwidth. Please feel free to share any ideas or ask any questions by typing them in the chat.

- We will be recording this meeting. The presentation, audio and a transcript will be posted to the Next Generation Assessment Meetings webpage.

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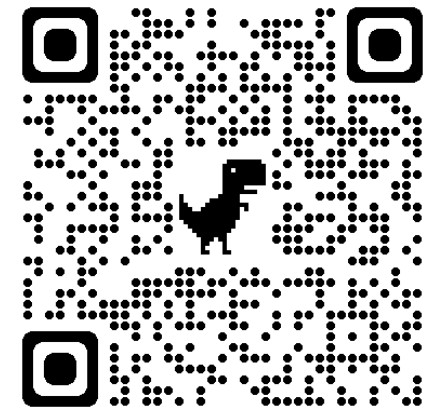
In partnership with key stakeholders, we create a comprehensive educational assessment program that:

- accurately measures student performance;

- produces actionable data; and

- provides tools, guidance and training to empower local education agencies (LEAs) to meet the needs of all learners and make informed decisions.

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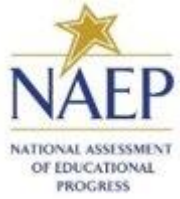**Rohini Ramnath**, Test Security Assessment Specialist

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National Assessment of Reading and Math, select schools, grades 4 and 8

English Language Proficiency, grades K-12

Alternate ELA and Mathematics, grades 3-8 and 11

General Statewide Assessments
ELA and Mathematics, grades 3 – high school
Science, grades 5, 8, and high school biology

Alternate Science, grades 5, 8, and high school biology

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Statewide Assessments

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  - MSAA and DLM Readiness Guides and Training

  - DC CAPE

  - Stay Connected to the OSSE Office of Assessments

2023-24 Assessment Administration

2023-24 Statewide Testing Windows

Assessment	2023-24 Statewide Test Window
NAEP **(Selected schools only)**	Jan. 29 – March 8, 2024
ACCESS for ELLs	Feb. 12 – March 22, 2024
MSAA and DLM	March 11 – April 26, 2024
DC CAPE **DC ELA, DC Math, DC Science**	April 1 – May 24, 2024 (April 1 – May 17, 2024: paper accommodation window)

2023-24 Statewide Assessment Policy Documents

2023-24 Required Statewide Assessments

In spring 2024, DC will administer the following required statewide assessments:

- **DC CAPE**
  - **English language arts/literacy (ELA):** Grades 3-8, ELA I and ELA II
  - **Mathematics**: Grades 3-8, Algebra I and Geometry
    - Students who took Geometry in middle school will take Algebra II in high school as their required assessment
  - **Science**: Grades 5, 8 and Biology
- **MSAA** ELA and mathematics: Grades 3-8, 11
- **DLM Science**: Grades 5, 8 and Biology
- **ACCESS for ELLs** and **Alternate ACCESS**: K-12
- **NAEP Reading and Mathematics**: Grades 4, 8 and 12 in selected schools
- **NAEP Science**: Grade 8 in selected schools

2023-24 Policy Documents Now Available

- 2023-24 Statewide Assessments Participation and Performance Policy

- 2023-24 Testing Accommodations Guide (TAG)

  ▪ The TAG is updated annually and provides a crosswalk between accessibility features and accommodations that may appear in documentation, such as an IEP, 504 plan, or EL plan, and how these features may appear in vendor assessment management platforms.

- 2023-24 Test Security Guidelines

  ▪ The Test Security Guidelines contain key policies updated annually. Overall, policies in the Test Security Guidelines for the 2023-24 school year are consistent with policies from the 2022-23 school year.

2023-24 Assessment Administration LEA Contacts

2023-24 Assessment Administration Contact Information

- Review and update LEA contact information in the [IDS All Staff Collection](#)
    - Verify LEA Assessment Manager and LEA Test Coordinators
        - When information changes:
            - Update IDS
            - Update [Smartsheet form](#)

    - Contact information used to communicate important updates, training information, and disseminate NGA Bulletin

- Update contact information by **Oct. 20, 2023** by using the link found in the email or here.

2023-24 Assessment Administration General Resources

LEA Assessment Manager Roles and Responsibilities

Role	Responsibilities
LEA Assessment Manager	• Responsible for representing LEA • Ensuring compliance • Liaising with OSSE, LEA staff, Nonpublic School Coordinators
LEA Assessment Coordinator	• Oversees administration of DC CAPE, WIDA ACCESS, and/or MSAA/DLM • Ensures tests are administered with fidelity and compliance
School Test Coordinators and School Test Administrators	• Administers test at the school and classroom levels • Ensures tests are administered with fidelity and compliance

2023-24 LEA Assessment Manager & Nonpublic School Test Coordinator

- OSSE will release the 2023-24 Statewide Assessments Quick Reference Guide and the Nonpublic School Test Coordinator Guidance on the OSSE website by Oct. 19, 2023.
  - This document provides an overview of test administration processes and resources for all DC statewide summative assessments.
  - This document is not meant to replace other required trainings, readings, and resources.

- The Nonpublic School Test Coordinator Guidance outlines the role and responsibilities of Nonpublic School Test Coordinators, particularly as they work with LEAs.
  - This document is not meant to replace other required trainings, readings, and resources.

2023-24 LEA Assessment Training Calendar

- The training calendar through the end of 2023 will be available on the OSSE website by Nov. 16, 2023 and monthly updates will appear in the NGA Bulletin and on the website.

- Anticipate sharing Jan-Feb 2024 training dates by Nov. 16

	Training Event	Date	Time	Format	Registration	Who Should Attend		
						Required	Recommended	Optional
November 2023 Training Activities	New LEA Assessment Manager Orientation	Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023	10 - 11:30 a.m.	Virtual	Register	• New LEA Assessment Managers	• New Nonpublic School Test Coordinators	
	Self-Paced Test Security Training Modules	November 2023		Online Modules		• LEA Assessment Managers • ACCESS Test Coordinators • MSAA/DLM Test Coordinators • DC CAPE Test Coordinators • Nonpublic School Test Coordinators		

Upcoming ACCESS for ELLs Activities

2023-24 ACCESS for ELLs Activities

- **New for 2023-24:** OSSE has developed a 2-page ACCESS Readiness Guide with high-level activities for each month. The guide is posted on OSSE's website.

2023-24 ACCESS Pre-ID Timeline & Resources

- ACCESS Pre-ID window is open **Nov. 10 – Dec. 13**

  - LEAs confirm ACCESS registered students and indicate accommodations

  - See NGA Bulletin for more details

- LEAs can upload templates into the Quickbase application through **Dec. 6**

- Manual updates can be made in the Quickbase application through **Dec. 13**

- Pre-ID Assessment Quickbase application

  - View LEA roster of students

  - Download template to complete student assessment details and accommodations

- WIDA Accessibility and Accommodations Manual

  - Explanation of available accommodations

  - Use of *Extended testing of a test domain over multiple days (EM)* accommodation requires prior approval from OSSE.

- Office Hours: **Nov. 30, 10-11:30 a.m.** at OSSE Office

- Bookings: ACCESS Support

2023-24 ACCESS Training Requirements

- WIDA has made substantial changes to three ACCESS training courses

  - Online ACCESS for ELLs: Administration

  - Paper ACCESS for ELLs: Administration

  - Alternate ACCESS: Administration and Scoring

- OSSE requires that all ACCESS Test Coordinators and Test Administrators recertify for applicable assessments in 2023-24, which includes passing the Certification Quiz with a score of 80% or higher

  - Recertification date must be **on or after Sept. 1, 2023** for the courses listed above

- Kindergarten ACCESS recertification:

  - Required for Test Administrators

  - Recommended for Test Coordinators

2023-24 ACCESS Training Requirements

All training courses are accessed through the WIDA Secure Portal

Course	Test Coordinators	Test Administrators
Online ACCESS for ELLs: Administration	**Required**	**Required**
Paper ACCESS for ELLs: Administration	**Required**	**Required, as applicable**
Alternate ACCESS: Administration and Scoring	**Required**	**Required, as applicable**
Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs: Administration and Scoring	Recommended	**Required, as applicable**
Speaking for Grades 1-5: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener	Recommended	**Required, as applicable**
Speaking for Grades 6-12: Scoring ACCESS Paper and WIDA Screener	Recommended	**Required, as applicable**

2023-24 Alternate Assessment Processes and Updates

Alternate Assessment Eligibility

- Annually, students with the most significant cognitive disabilities who are determined eligible by OSSE for alternate assessment participation will take:

  - Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) in grades 3-8 and grade 11

  - Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) science alternate assessment in grades 5, 8 and high school biology

  - WIDA Alternate ACCESS in grades K-12

- Information on the alternate assessment eligibility process is on OSSE's website at osse.dc.gov/service/participation-criteria-and-forms-alternate-districtwide-assessments

Alternate Assessment Eligibility Process: How do I apply?

For OSSE to review a student for alternate assessment eligibility for the 2023-24 school year, the following documentation must be made available in the **Special Programs Database**:

- There is an active individualized education program (IEP) on file that indicates "Alternate Assessment" selected by the IEP team

- There is a current, fully completed 2023-24 "DC Alternate Assessment Participation Decision Documentation Form" electronically in the Special Programs database. This form is embedded in the Special Programs database as the Statewide Alternate Assessment Participation Criteria form **_and_** must be dated within the last (3) calendar years.

- All sources of supporting evidence for the alternate assessment decision form must be uploaded into the Special Programs database **_and_** dated within the last (3) calendar years.

Alternate Assessment Eligibility Process Timeline

Task	Date(s)	System
Final deadline for LEAs updating alternate assessment eligibility documentation in the Special Programs database for the 2023-24 school year. ***LEAs should begin this process as soon as school opens***	**Nov. 13, 2023**	Special Programs Database
OSSE sends eligibility determinations to LEAs in the Special Programs database.	**Ongoing through Dec. 1, 2023**	Special Programs Database
LEAs may appeal eligibility determinations in MSAA Quickbase and in most cases will need to submit additional evidence that supports the appeal to OSSE in the Special Programs database.	**Dec. 1-19, 2023**	MSAA QuickBase Special Programs Database
LEAs receive final eligibility determinations from OSSE in the Special Programs database.	**Ongoing through Jan. 12, 2024**	Special Programs Database

MSAA and DLM Updates

MSAA and DLM Readiness Guides

New for 2023-24: OSSE has developed a 2-page MSAA and DLM Readiness Guide with high-level activities for each month

- Created in response to stakeholder feedback
- Will be shared in NGA bulletin and posted on OSSE website in December

DLM Required Test Administrator Training

New for 2023-24: Educators with the Teacher role will need to access the DLM Required Test Administrator Training in the training section of [Kite Educator Portal](#) for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Users who have a Kite account and the "Teacher" role assigned will be automatically enrolled in the training and can access the training via the training tab.

  ▪ Newly created accounts will be enrolled in the training within about 30 minutes after their accounts are activated.

- New Test Administrators are still expected to pass each of the four modules with a score of 80% or higher.

  ▪ Returning Test Administrators are still expected to pass one module with a score of 80% or higher.
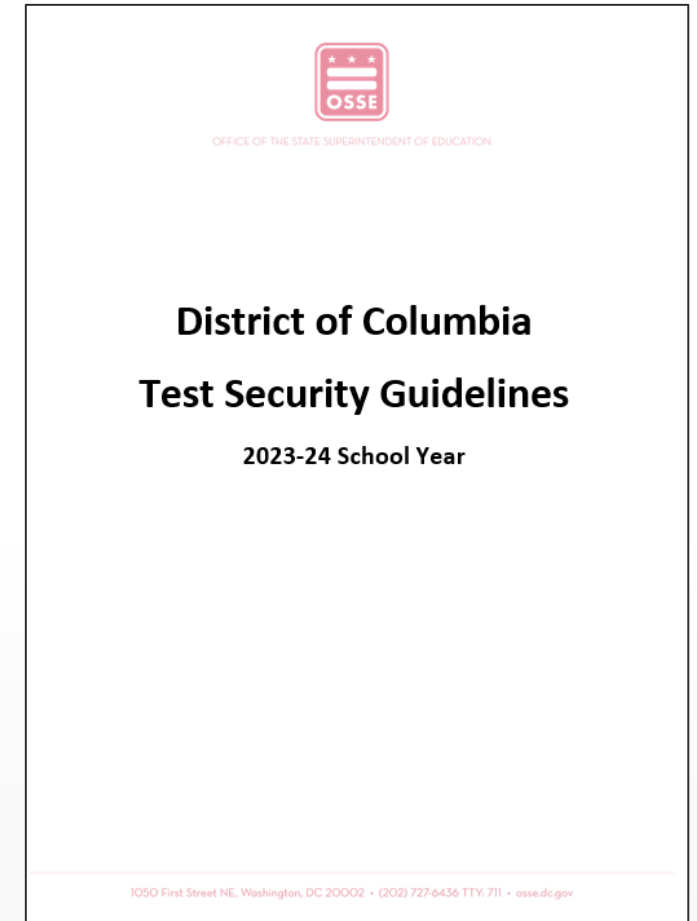
More information can be found in the *Guide to DLM Required Test Administrator Training for Year-End Model States* located on the [DC DLM page](#).

Training Opens December 4, 2023
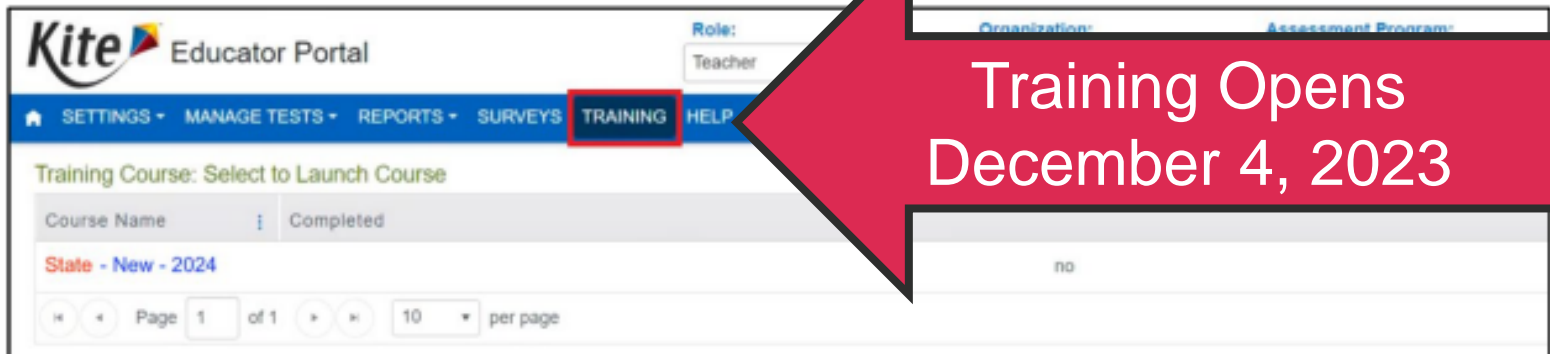
Test Security Training Updates

2023-24 Test Security Guidelines

- OSSE has released the [2023-24 Test Security Guidelines](#)

- This document outlines responsibilities of OSSE, LEAs, and schools in maintaining test security and test integrity

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Test Security Guidelines

2023-24 School Year

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Test Security Training Requirements

- Individuals in the following roles must complete OSSE Test Security Training for 2023-24:
  - LEA Assessment Manager
  - LEA ACCESS for ELLs Test Coordinator
  - LEA MSAA/DLM Test Coordinator
  - LEA DC CAPE Test Coordinator
  - Nonpublic School Test Coordinator

- Training options will include live options (in-person or webinar) and asynchronous modules

- All individuals must pass the OSSE Test Security Training quiz with a score of at least 80 percent or higher.

- LEA Assessment Managers are responsible for ensuring that all authorized personnel at schools under their LEA are trained in test security policies and procedures.

Test Security Training Timelines

- OSSE anticipates releasing the asynchronous training via the OSSE Learning Management System (LMS) in late November or early December

- Live trainings will take place beginning in December

- LEA Assessment Managers and LEA Test Coordinators must complete OSSE test security training and pass the quiz before submitting school test security plans for spring 2024

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- Become a part of our email list! Register in Qlik to receive the most current updates and training notifications, as well as our NGA Bulletin—a regularly distributed e-newsletter. Don't forget you can sign up using the link too.

- Additional roles, such as a MSAA coordinator, ACCESS for ELLs Coordinator and Assessment point of contact (PoC), may be added to Qlik too.

- Update contact information by **Oct. 20, 2023** by using the link found in the email or here.

Educator Recruitment

- Use crt lang

Assessment Literacy

- Use new coordinator orientation

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OSSE Assessments Webpage: osse.dc.gov/assessments

Thank You!