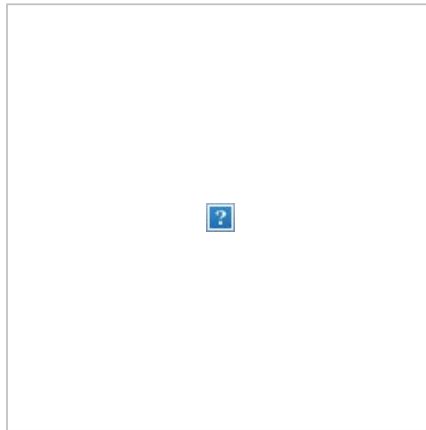


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## RI State Assessment Test Coordinator's Memo

January 14, 2022

**Reminder:** our next Monthly Test Coordinator Webinar is this coming Wednesday, **January 19, 2022!**

This webinar will be test coordinator training focusing on the RI State Assessment Program's policies and test security, in place of a stand-alone training later this winter. Please be sure to attend and mark your calendars for an extra half-hour (10am-11:30am).

Please [register for the whole SY2021-22 series](#) through this [registration link](#) (one registration will suffice for the entire year) posted at [www.ride.ri.gov/TC](http://www.ride.ri.gov/TC). The slide deck and recording from the December webinar have been posted to the TC webpage.

**In this memo:** *New Data Tools Shared on Next Webinar, ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window Open; RICAS Updates; NAEP 2022 Planning; DLM / Alternate Assessment Training*

**New Data Tools Shared on Next Webinar**

**Please review your student data!** Accurate student data is something we discuss often during our Test Coordinator Monthly Webinars. We all know how essential it is that your data is as accurate and up-to-date as possible, and are glad to report that data is getting better and more accurate each year - *thank you for your efforts to ensure that success!*

However, overall our state still continues to struggle with the quality of the data for students attending outplacement schools. Together with our partners in RIDE's Office of Data and Technology Services, our Assessment Team has developed two new tools that will give test coordinators, data managers, and outplacement schools an easier way to review student data and information to ensure accuracy:

- The **Outplaced Student Report** in the *Enrollment Census* for public LEAs.
- The **Outplaced Enrollment Application** in the *RIDE Portal* for outplacement schools.

We will review these two new options during our **January 19th Test Coordinator Monthly Webinar**.

## ACCESS for ELLs Testing Window Open

The **ACCESS for ELLs / Alternate ACCESS for ELLs testing window** is now open. We appreciate your efforts to test all eligible students. RIDE will be tracking progress on ACCESS test completion and will keep you updated throughout the window.

**NEW:** [Guidance on ACCESS Domain Exemptions](#) - this guidance document provides information on the criteria a student must meet in order to be exempt from a language domain test.

## RICAS Updates: PAN Accounts, RICAS Service Center

### PAN Passwords and Accounts

School and district staff who had access to PAN during the previous school year should [sign in to PAN](#). If you are able to sign in to your account successfully, no further action is needed at this time. Staff with accounts that were disabled will receive an error message upon sign-in; resetting the password will enable the account. Users signing in once the Spring 2022 administration has launched (end of January) will be required to confirm the user agreement in order to access the site. Please contact the RICAS Service Center at [ricasservicecenter@cognia.org](mailto:ricasservicecenter@cognia.org) or call 855-222-8936 with any questions.

District Test Coordinators should review the *User Role Matrix* (posted on the [RICAS Resource Center](#)) to confirm that school and district staff have the appropriate PAN accounts. School Test Coordinators should do the same, and review test administrator accounts to add/remove accounts accordingly. This task can be done manually or by uploading a file (the latter is best for creating large numbers of new accounts). For support, refer to the *Guide to Managing User Accounts in PearsonAccess Next* posted on the [RICAS Resource Center](#). Please contact the RICAS Service Center with questions.

### RICAS Service Center School Passwords

Starting **January 20**, principals please be alert for your passwords for the RICAS Service Center's online system to be mailed to you. These passwords are to be used to order additional paper test materials (after the initial materials shipment has been received) and for principals to complete the Principal Certification of Proper Test Administration (PCPA) for RICAS after testing has ended.

Superintendents will receive copies of the passwords for all schools in their districts. Please contact [assessment@ride.ri.gov](mailto:assessment@ride.ri.gov) if you have any questions or have not received your memo by January 26.

## NAEP 2022 Planning

NAEP assessments are scheduled to take place in selected schools during the **January 24 – March 18 test window**. NAEP is committed to moving forward with the assessments this year to provide a common measure of student achievement in reading and mathematics. NAEP results provide the opportunity to compare educational performance of our students across multiple years, between demographics, or with other regions of the country. This is powerful and important information given the challenges the pandemic has brought to student learning.

Please plan for NAEP representatives to administer these assessments on your school's scheduled day. These federal contractors entering your school will follow all CDC guidelines outlined in the [NAEP COVID-19 Protocol fact sheet](#). NAEP representatives are a required component of the NAEP assessment process and should not be classified as visitors when considering COVID-19 protocols in your school. Should your school have any special requirements for their entry into your school, or changes in scheduling due to COVID-19 or inclement weather, communicate them to your Assessment Coordinator as soon as you become aware of them.

Please contact Jackie Branco at [jacqueline.branco@ride.ri.gov](mailto:jacqueline.branco@ride.ri.gov) for clarification of NAEP 2022 policies.

## DLM / Alternate Assessment Training

DLM Test Administrator Training Modules are available for teachers to begin to complete their training. Information on required training for test administrators can be found in the *Guide to Required Training (Rhode Island Edition)*.

The Test Administrator Checklist and the Test Coordinator Checklists are also available at [www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals](http://www.ride.ri.gov/assessment-manuals).

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