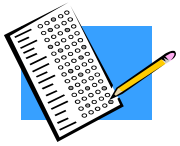
KANSAS ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT (KAA) & KANSAS ASSESSMENT OF MODIFIED MEASURES (KAMM) FACT SHEET 2012-2013



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT

- Student participation in the Alternate Assessment is determined by the student's IEP team.
- The Kansas Alternate Assessment is administered annually.
- The Reading and Math Alternate Assessment is administered in grades 3-8, and once in high school OTL grade 11.
- The Alternate Assessment for Science is administered in grades 4, 7, and once in high school, OTL is grade 11.
- ***This year the Alternate Assessment for History-Government can be administered OTL 9 and 11 grade students***
- ***The Alternate Assessment for Writing will be administered this year in grades 5, 8 and in 11***
- The results for the Reading and Math Assessments are used to calculate Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO).
- All indicators must be picked by December 31, 2012.
- Students new to a school after December 31, 2012 will not be assessed

ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT EXTENDED STANDARDS

- If a student received a 4 or 5 on an indicator last year they will not be able to use that indicator in 2012-2013 school year
- *Extended Standards at* http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384

ASSESSMENT FORMAT

- The assessment includes:
  - Five extended indicators from Reading at the grade level in which the student is enrolled (one from each of 2 standards 3 from any standard);
  - Five extended indicators from Math at the grade level in which the student is enrolled (one each from the 4 standards and one from any standard);
  - Five extended indicators from Science at the grade level in which the student is enrolled (one indicator from the first four standards and the last indicator from any standard).
  - When picking indicators for science the team must pick at least two indicators at a higher level than knowledge on the Bloom taxonomy, use Science Blooms taxonomy Guide at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384
  - Five extended indicators from History-Government Extended Standards (one indicator from each of the four standards and the last indicator from any standard)
  - *Five extended indicators for Writing Extended Standards (one from each of the 3 standards and the last 2 indicators from any standard).*
- Data are collected only during the testing window.
- The Scoring Rubric is used for scoring the Alternate Assessment.
- Local scoring will be conducted by three scorers; one of the scorers must include the special education teacher.
- By Dec. 1, 2012, sign off by a special or general education administrator will need to take place to verify the following in order to meet the Dec. 31, 2012 deadline:
  - Indicators must be aligned to the activities chosen.
  - No functional activities can be used for the KAA.
  - Assessable activities need to be used for the KAA; opinions are not appropriate assessable activities.
- Scoring.
  - Scorers should not enter scores on CETE only Recorders of Scores are confidential and are sent to the recorder individually
  - Scores are only given to evidence provided, if no evidence in the portfolio then the piece of evidence receives a "0"

REQUIRED FORMS

- Required forms can be found at http://www.cete.us
- The CETE evidence label must be used.

IEP CONTENTS

- Students who take the Alternate Assessment in any content area must have IEP benchmarks or short-term objectives for all goals.
- The indicators chosen for the Alternate Assessment do not have to be listed on the student's IEP.

SCORES REPORTED

- Student performance levels are reported to schools and parents.
- Only 1% of KAA scores are counted as "Meets Standard" or above for district and state Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO)
- Rating/Scoring must be completed by May 5, 2013
- All scores must be entered by May 10, 2013

PERFORMANCE LEVELS

There are five levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standard, Meets Standard, Approaches Standard, and Academic Warning. Cut scores are available at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2377

TESTING WINDOW

The proposed testing window dates are at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=420

RECENTLY ARRIVED STUDENTS

- Students taking the Alternate Assessment who enroll in a different school after December 31, 2012 are exempt.
- *Indicators cannot be registered after December 31, 2012.*

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT KANSAS ASSESSMENT OF MODIFIED MEASURES (KAMM)

*For any content area assessed using the KAMM, the student's academic IEP goals MUST be based on grade level content standards***.**

- The KAMM testing window is the same as the general education testing window.
- Only 2% of KAMM scores are counted as "Meets Standard" or above for district and state Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO)
- KAMM is based on grade level indicators.
- KCA is required for the KAMM. A paper and pencil version is available **ONLY** as an accommodation.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- The accommodations are used for classroom instruction and classroom testing.
- *The Accommodations Manual* is available at http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372

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