KANSAS READING ASSESSMENT
FACT SHEET 2012-13

General Information

- Grades assessed: 3-8 and Opportunity to Learn (OTL) at high school
  - Results used for QPA calculations
- Early Reading Assessment: a locally-selected diagnostic reading test administered at one grade level at K-2.
- Annually tested
- OTL http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=420

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to standards: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=142
- Link to assessed indicators and item specifications: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=159
- Link to flip charts: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=159

Assessment Format

- Three test sessions for all grade levels.
- Un-timed sessions, 45 minutes per session is recommended as a guide.
- Eleven to sixteen indicators assessed per grade level.
- Number of questions varies from 58 (Grade 3) to 84 (Grade 7)
- Four to six items per indicator.
- All multiple-choice questions.
- Universal design guidelines followed.
- Accommodation Manual http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372

Testing Modes

- Kansas Computerized Assessment for General Assessment and KAMM.
- Paper and pencil are available as an accommodation for General and KAMM Assessment.

Kansas Alternate Assessment (KAA) and Kansas Assessment with Modified Measures (KAMM)

- Administered annually to students identified as eligible by their IEP Team.
- The sum of KAMM and Alternate students classified as "Meets Standards" or above at the district level must not exceed 3%.
- Only 1% of district students may be classified as "Meets Standards" or higher using an alternate assessment.
- KAA http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384
- KAMM http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2371

Interim and Formative Assessments

- CETE – KCA Test Builder http://www.kca.cete.us/kca_testbuilder.htm

Performance Levels and Cut Scores

- Five levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, Academic Warning.
- Performance Level Descriptors http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=159
- Cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2377

Scores Reported

- Student performance levels
- Student percent correct
- Results by indicator for student, building, district, and state

Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Open	Close
OTL-Fall	9-11	KCA	Oct. 3	Jan. 18
OTL-Spring	9-10	KCA	Feb. 13	May 10
OTL-Cohort	11	KCA	Feb. 13	May 3
Spring Cohort	3-8	KCA	Feb. 13	May 3
Alternate	3-8 and OTL at HS	Portfolio	Dec. 31	Apr. 26

Districts have the flexibility to establish local testing windows for reading. All spring cohort testing in reading must be completed by May 3rd (this is a hard close, there will be no additional time allowed for make-ups). Spring OTL for 9th and 10th graders in reading must be completed by May 10th. See the 2012-2013 Examiner's Manual for additional details.

English Learners (EL)

- English Language Learners (ELLs) are held to the same standards and have the same Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs) in core subjects as the general population.
- ELLs participate in all state assessments, with two exceptions for 'recently arrived' students.
- ELLs are considered '**Recently arrived'** if they have attended schools in the US for less than 12 months prior to opening of the test window.
- **Recently arrived** ELLs may take the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA) in lieu of Reading, Writing, and History/Government assessments, one administration only.
- All ELLs take the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA) annually. See separate Fact Sheet for more information. http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2364

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