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Timeline for State Assessments

- Last Interim Predictive
 - March 8 – March 19, 2021
- General Assessments - ELA/Math/Science
 - April 1 – May 18, 2021.
- KELPA (English Language Proficiency)
 - February 15 – March 31, 2021
- DLM (alternate assessment)
 - February 1 – May 7, 2021.
- cPass Agriculture

Policy statement regarding 2021 state assessment expectations:

The Kansas State Department of Education expects all students in assessed grades to take state assessments. This expectation includes students enrolled in virtual programs or schools, and those in remote learning environments. This policy applies to the general assessments, KELPA, and DLM. No assessment may be given remotely. The general assessment window for English language arts, math, and science opens on April 1 and closes on May 18, 2021. KSDE staff are available to assist districts in exploring options for proctoring locations. Federal CARES Act ESSER funds may be used to make sure all students have the opportunity to test in a safe environment. If a student is still unable to test, please use (SC) special circumstances code 19 to identify remote students unable to take state assessments.

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Kansas Civic Advocacy Network Roundtable

Join us to celebrate the great happenings at your school regarding Civic Advocacy. Learn what other schools are doing and consider applying for the CAN awards with the application due in May 2021. Roundtable/Drop In style meetings every Monday from 3:30 – 4:30p.m. Register HERE:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpc-2vqzsvGdyfSGltpeHnhqcUjeW0pDf>.

Kansas HGSS Field Test 2020-2021 Information Sessions

Interested in joining in the classroom-based field test for the HGSS Assessment? This low-pressure, high learner involvement field test will help shape the HGSS assessment moving into the 2021-2022 school year. Hop on these calls to learn more and consider being a great resource for us as we move forward on this exciting paradigm shift from the more traditional standardized assessments. Every Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Register HERE:

https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcode-gqDooGt1EKPGwRKfXD6P_ev_1D1_1

Kansas SS Teachers Support and Teacher Chat Networking

Feeling excited or discouraged regarding your SS learners, progress, or anything else related to your SS time period or SS classes? Come chat with other SS teachers in Kansas and share your successes and challenges in a supportive environment of your peers. Every third Tuesday, from 3:30 – 4:30! Register HERE:

<https://ksde.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEpd-qhqz0iGdGj3eFYMje8rj53-88ct0AC>

I look forward to having engaging conversations around Social Studies instruction in Kansas.

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Computer Science Curriculum

To access the updated list of computer science curriculum and teaching tools resources, [click here](#).

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Bullying Prevention

At the January 2021 State Board meeting, the Board approved new recommendations for bullying prevention as presented by the School Mental Health Advisory Council. These recommendations were based on the previous work of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Bullying.

To access the Final Report and the Executive Summary [CLICK HERE](#).

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2021 Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot

For the 2021-22 school year, districts may submit [this application](#) to begin administering the ASQ to incoming kindergarteners (for the purposes of the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot) beginning March 1, 2021. Districts that administer the ASQ to incoming kindergarteners in the spring might consider whether it provides information previously gathered with other tools. For districts that do not apply, the Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot window will open July 1. All schools must administer the ASQ to incoming kindergarten students by Sept. 20 and all data (including pending Family Access screenings) must be entered into ASQ Online by Oct. 11, 2021.

Visit <https://agesandstages.com/ks/> for Frequently Asked Questions, guides and “how-to” videos on implementing ASQ.

Early Childhood Funding Updates

- The Kansas Children's Cabinet has issued a request for proposals for **Kindergarten Readiness Quality Subgrants**. Applications are **due March 19**. These grants support community efforts to help ensure successful transitions of children from early childhood settings into kindergarten. To learn more and apply, visit the [Children's Cabinet Kindergarten Readiness Grants](#) webpage.
- Approval forms for **2021-2022 Preschool-Aged At-Risk funding** are **due April 2** in order to be approved by the Kansas State Board of Education in May. Visit the [KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#) to view program requirements and apply.
- **Kansas Parents as Teachers (KPAT) Grant Renewal applications** are **due April 2**. Visit the [KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#) to view program requirements and apply.
- The **Kansas Preschool Pilot grant application** was due **Feb. 9**. The Kansas State Board of Education will consider funding recommendations in April.

Bonus: [Click here to view and share a video of our youngest Kansans offering tips on how together we can beat the virus. #KSBeatsTheVirus](#)



For the latest KSDE Early Childhood information, visit [the KSDE Early Childhood webpage](#) to view program updates. You can [email Beccy Strohm](#) to subscribe to the KSDE Early Learning 0-8 listserv.

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Redesign Project Update

We are excited to announce that we will have an Apollo III cohort for 2021-22! Why Redesign Now?

- Reenergize your staff through innovation!
- Redesign existing practices to meet the needs of each student through Navigating Next
- Learn a process for rapid, data-based decisions and change
- Get the tools you need to successfully and confidently tackle adaptive challenges
- Collaborate with like-minded colleagues from across the state

If you are curious, join us on March 1 to learn how we have pivoted training to be relevant to what you need now!

Apollo III – Save the date

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HjXXI0uqNq1J_SD7Glfjsj3n5U-McA3_/view?usp=sharing

If you would like to view other Redesign news, please go to our February newsletter here.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y6yTXe5yrOW7UQyOISck6vScZmu3QMNV/view?usp=sharing>

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