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State Assessment Update
The interim mini-test assessments are available as of September 17 for ELA and mathematics teachers to use as formative tools with their students. To create rosters for teachers to work with their students, TASC records must be submitted to the KIDS system. The first predictive interim window is October 8-October 19. TASC records also enroll students in the predictive interims if districts choose to have students take them.

Dynamic Learning Maps alternate assessments are instructionally embedded assessments. The fall window for those opens September 20. Teachers may then begin developing instructional plans from the blueprint of required Essential Elements, instruct students and administer testlets. These assessments are required for students at grade 3-8 and 10 for ELA and mathematics and grade 5, 8, and 11 for science. The blueprint requirements must be completed by the end of the winter testing window on February 27. Students will take an assessment in each subject in the spring testing window also.

Search Under Way for Kansas’ Top Youth Volunteers of 2019 (cont’d)
have made meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteer service within the past 12 months. The application is available at http://spirit.prudential.com.

Kansas' top youth volunteers of 2018 were Maureen Botros, 18, of Wichita and Kyler Stockstill, 14, also of Wichita. Maureen, Kansas' top high school volunteer, founded a series of weeklong technology camps to promote the idea that girls can succeed in STEM fields without sacrificing their femininity. Kyler, Kansas' top middle level volunteer, served the homeless and hungry in his community and elsewhere, working side by side with his parents and members of his church.

Applications are now open for 2019 awards. Here is how it works:
- By November 6, 2018, students must submit their completed applications, and signed student/parent agreements, to a certifier. (Certifiers can be school principals or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout council, American Red Cross chapter, YMCA or affiliate of Points of Light's HandsOn Network.)
- By November 16, 2018, certifiers select and certify top applicants for state-level judging.
- State Honorees will receive $1,000 awards, engraved silver medallions, and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., with a parent or guardian for four days of recognition events May 4-7, 2019.
- In Washington, a distinguished national selection committee will name 10 of the 102 State Honorees as America's top youth volunteers of the year. These National Honorees will receive additional awards of $5,000, gold medallions, crystal trophies for their nominating schools or organizations, and $5,000 grants from The Prudential Foundation for nonprofit charitable organizations of their choice.
Secondary Transition Reset Regional Trainings

This NEW regional training will review updated secondary transition information in the Kansas Special Education Process Handbook. The relationship between transition requirements for the IEP and the Indicator 13 checklist will also be covered.

Please bring an IEP with a transition plan and the same student’s Individual Plan of Study (IPS) to the training.

Secondary Transition Reset trainings have been scheduled for the following dates and locations:
10/1/2018 - Topeka/Shawnee County Library, Topeka
10/3/2018 - Smoky Hill Education Service Center, Salina
11/8/2018 - Holiday Inn on Rock Road, Wichita
12/14/2018 - The Learning Center, Dodge City

Sign in begins at 8:00 A.M., with the training beginning at 8:30 and ending by noon. Water and coffee will be provided. The trainings in Wichita and Dodge City are scheduled for the day after IEP Boot Camp training for those who want to attend both trainings. Register for the trainings on the TASN website at www.ksdetasn.org.

Questions? Please contact Laura Jurgensen at ljurgensen@ksde.org or (785) 296-5522.

KESA Update (cont’d)

- If you are a System utilizing AdvancED as your model to meet KESA requirements, and have not yet completed your KESA Initial Report you will be getting a call from KSDE accreditation staff as well.
- This is the second year of implementation of the Kansas Education System Accreditation (KESA). All Systems are either a year two (accrediting year 2022), year three (accrediting year 2021), year four (accrediting year 2020), or year five (accrediting year 2019) System in KESA. The only Systems in year one (accrediting year 2023) of the KESA process are those Systems accredited the 2017-2018 School year.
- Every System is to have an onsite visit during the 2018-2019 school year.
- The System Yearly Update is the report that every system needs to complete prior to their onsite visit. (See KESA Application section for details). These system yearly updates provide your visiting team chair and OVT members with information regarding your progress in KESA. Tell your story! The System Yearly Update will not be available until November 2018. However, if you want to see what is being asked and begin answering the questions, you can access a PDF of them at: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Division-of-Learning-Services/Teacher-Licensure-and-Accreditation/K-12-Accreditation/Home/KESA/KESA-Systems-Information.
- Onsite Visiting Team (OVT) Chair is responsible for ensuring the completion of the Annual Summary Report. The Annual Summary Report, although written by the OVT chair, is a report done in collaboration with the Onsite Visiting Team’s feedback. This is now the only annual report required for completion by the Onsite Visiting Team Chair.
- The Systems accredited in KESA this past school year (2017-2018) are the only Systems who will complete the KESA Initial Report Application in the fall of 2018.
- If you are one of the five private systems accredited and utilizing AdvancED to meet KESA requirements, you are required to complete the revised KESA Initial Report.

KESA Update

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1. General Information
- KSDE accreditation staff are in the process of reviewing and ensuring completion of all required documentation for KESA. If there is any incomplete information in the KESA Authenticated Application, you will be receiving a call from one of us. Be sure to take a look at your Initial Reports and speak to your System chairs about having completed their reports.
KESA Update (cont’d)

- We want to thank those who have helped us gather System feedback on the KESA experience this past year. If you participated in any visit, as a team member, system member, improvement team member, we ask for 10 minutes of your time to complete the following survey: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Z8M55M](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Z8M55M). This information will help us provide better supports.

2. **Technical Assistance and Supports**

- The general help desk email for accreditation is [accreditation@ksde.org](mailto:accreditation@ksde.org).
- **Telephone support calls for all systems and chairs begin in October.** We will once again try to record them and place them on our website for future access and for those who could not attend. Following is the list of dates and times for those calls.

| When: Beginning October 16, 2018 – March 19, 2019, Third Tuesday of Every Month | Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. |
| How: Conference Calls (All calls will be recorded and posted.) |

| Phone number: 866-620-7326 |
| Conference Call Code: 7852964073 |

| October 16, 2018 | January 15, 2019 |
| November 20, 2018 | February 19, 2019 |
| December 18, 2018 | March 19, 2019 |

- Support Zoom meetings for Systems and their Chairs working on their accreditation year (2019).

| When: Beginning October 2, 2018 – March 5, 2019, First Tuesday of Every Month | Time: 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. |
| How: Zoom Meetings (Zoom meetings recordings will be posted.) |

| [https://ksde.zoom.us/j/972474862](https://ksde.zoom.us/j/972474862) | [https://ksde.zoom.us/j/742433410](https://ksde.zoom.us/j/742433410) |

| October 2, 2018 | January 8, 2019 (Different Zoom Address) |
| November 6, 2018 | (Please note this is the second Tuesday of the month due to the first Tuesday being New Year’s Day) |
| December 4, 2018 | |
| February 5, 2019 | |
| March 5, 2019 | |

- **Two new locations** have been added to the Regional Support/trainings for all Systems. To register to attend any of these Regional Support/Training sessions please use the link provided for the region you wish to attend.

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3. **KESA Changes**
   - Each System prior to their OVT visit will need to enter into the KESA Application and complete the System Yearly Update. These reports are not new. They are the OVT Chair Workbook pages adjusted to serve as System questions which provide the OVT chair and members with valuable information about the work of the system prior to the visit.

4. **KESA Application**
   - We have four set release dates for updates to the KESA Authenticated Application. First release date will be November 2018. Those updates include:
     - System Yearly Updates – What use to be an upload by the chair will now work as an application and will now be completed by the System (see #3).
     - KESA Initial Report updates: Elimination of Question 15, some board goal question tweaks.
   - Additional update release dates are February, April and August 2019.

5. **Systems Visits**
   - During this year’s visit it is important to:
     - talk about your goals, strategies/interventions/practices used to achieve your goals
     - the alignment of your system goals with that of your school building goals
     - evidence of what and how your system is showing growth
     - foundational structures and how they are being addressed
     - community and stakeholder involvement and support (focus groups)
     - system goals and impact of change in State Board goals (Results)

6. **Accreditation Review Council (ARC)**
   - The Accreditation Review Council is the group charged with providing the recommendation about accreditation of a system to the Kansas State Board of Education.
   - They ARC met on September 19, 2018 at KSDE. Their meeting focused on three big items:
     1. ARC Bylaws – the need to ensure trained ARC members on the council when rotation of membership is needed and composition of members.
     2. Chair reports and the need to ensure that the questions the ARC need to address for an accreditation status to the State Board Goals are within and aligned to the Chair Annual Summary Reports.
     3. Accreditation Criteria refinement.

7. **Accreditation Advisory Council (AAC)**
   - The first meeting of the AAC was September 17, 2018 in Emporia. After a review of their bylaws and some general updates on KESA and changes as announced in this update, the AAC along with educators from schools accredited this past school year and those coming up for accreditation, Mercury Redesign schools, and Gemini Redesign schools met in the afternoon to begin work on aligning the KESA Rubrics with the Redesign Principles. Review of KESA Rubrics with the Redesign Principles will take place each afternoon of the AAC meeting and is expected to run all year.

8. **Chair and Outside Visiting Team Training**
   - Completion of the revised OVT Member training is expected by the end of October and Chair training by the end of November.
   - Trainings will once again be provided by service center staff and dates will come out soon.
Conferences

KSDE Annual Conference
Preconference: Monday, October 15, 2018
Main Conference: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 and Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Hyatt Regency/Century II, Wichita

Redesign Preconference – KSDE Annual Conference – October 15, 2018
This year, as a part of the KSDE Annual Conference, the preconference, on October 15 is dedicated to Redesign. The purpose of this day is for educators from around the state to learn from the Mercury schools through panel discussions and breakout sessions around redesign planning and implementation. Some of the topics will be Leadership and Managing Change, Personalized Learning, Social-Emotional Growth, Project-Based Learning, Building Teacher Leadership and Community Partnerships.

Main Conference, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 16-17, 2018
A variety of breakout sessions will be offered during the Main Conference. Conference strands are organized around the Kansas State Board of Education outcomes.

Commissioner Watson will speak during the opening session of the conference on Tuesday, October 16 and will introduce the opening keynote speaker: Thomas C. Murray. The closing keynote on Wednesday, October 17 will be Dr. Buddy Berry.

37th Annual Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders
February 21, 22, 23, 2019

Conference Location
Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, 2345 McGee Street, Kansas City, Missouri. Reserve your room today

Awards & Stipend Nominations -- The Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders annually recognizes individuals and organizations for the following awards.
- Outstanding Leadership Award -- Outstanding service and leadership to the field of E/BD at the national level
- Outstanding Educator Award -- Outstanding achievement and excellence in classroom service to students with behavioral needs
- Outstanding Advocacy Award -- Outstanding advocacy for students with E/BD
- Educational Program Award -- Building Bridges Award is a stipend to a program serving students with behavioral needs to provide seed money for program development
- Outstanding Building Leadership Award -- Outstanding achievement and excellence as a building or program administrator serving students with behavioral needs
- Doctoral or Master’s Degree Stipend Award -- Awarded to two Masters and two Doctoral students pursuing degrees with an emphasis in working with students with behavioral needs

Get involved and submit a nomination. The deadline for submissions is November 1.
2019 ACT/WORKKEYS INFORMATION

The Kansas Legislature appropriated funds for a statewide contract to provide one free ACT assessment and one free WorkKeys suite of assessments to public high school juniors and seniors who have not had the opportunity to take them. A student may complete one or both of the assessments. ACT and WorkKeys aren’t required assessments.

ACT State Testing website:

TEST DATES:
The ACT:
TAKEN ON PAPER
• Initial test date: Feb. 20, 2019
• Makeup (absences only): April 2, 2019
• Accommodations testing window: Feb. 20-March 6, 2019
• Makeup accommodations testing window (absences only): April 2-April 8, 2019
TAKEN ONLINE
• Online testing window: Feb. 20-Feb. 28, 2019

The WorkKeys:
TAKEN ON PAPER
• Initial test date: Feb. 21, 2019
• Makeup test date (absences only): April 3, 2019
• Accommodations testing window: Feb. 21-March 7, 2019
TAKEN ONLINE
• Online testing window: Feb. 20-March 6, 2019

TO REGISTER:
1. Schools need to use KSDE’s Kansas Individual Data on Students (KIDS) collection system to register students taking the ACT and/or WorkKeys assessments.

2. TEST record:
   • Field D81 – ACT
   • Field D82 – WorkKeys

3. KSDE will upload a student’s name and state identification number based on test records. KSDE only will pay for students registered through KSDE. KSDE will transmit test records on a yet-to-be-determined schedule until the last date to order testing materials.

4. Administration of the ACT and/or WorkKeys assessments is the responsibility of each local school.
   Additional information will be provided at trainings and on listserv as it becomes available.
   • Manage participation and shipping dates will be available in Pearson Access Next: Nov. 5-Nov. 30, 2018
   • Accommodation requests for ACT begin Nov. 5, 2018

Accommodation approval from ACT isn’t required for WorkKeys.

ACT will provide a HELP Desk to assist with questions and concerns. KSDE isn’t responsible for the administration of these assessments. It is the responsibility of each local school.

IN-PERSON TRAININGS:
Free optional workshops on ACT and ACT WorkKeys test administration are available. These in-person, half-day workshops will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates at these locations:

• Oct. 2, 2018 - Fort Hays State University, Sternberg Museum of Natural History
• Oct. 3, 2018 - Wichita State University, Metropolitan Complex
• Oct. 4, 2018 - University of Kansas, Memorial Union
To register for the workshops, visit https://pages2.act.org/kansas-test-admin-workshop.html

Who should attend?
District test coordinators, building test coordinators, school counselors, and administrators if they plan to administer the assessments.

WEBINAR TRAININGS:
ACT also will offer timely webinar trainings for both ACT and WorkKeys. Dates will be determined as soon as possible. All webinar trainings will be available at http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/state-and-district-solutions/kansas.html.

SCORE REPORTS:
• YES, students may request scores be sent to higher education institutions.
• ACT students will receive one paper copy score report mailed to their home address three to eight weeks after testing. Plus, access to an account at www.actstudents.org.
• The director of counseling will receive one paper copy of student scores registered through KSDE, two printed labels, access to student scores through Pearson Access Next three to eight weeks following testing, and any additional reports regularly provided by ACT.
• WorkKeys students must view their scores on the MyWorkKeys webpage at www.myworkkeys.com.
• School test coordinators will receive Summary Score Reports and roster reports.
• Schools and eligible students must print their own National Career Readiness Certificates.