

Upcoming Release of the 2008-09 Annual Assessment Results

The CDE will release the preliminary 2008-09 Annual Assessment (AA) results in April 2009.

- LEAs will have an opportunity to preview their results on DataQuest before the actual release.
- The total numbers tested from July 1 through October 31, 2008 (i.e., the AA window) were approximately: 1,330,172 ELs tested for AA Test Purpose; 281,503 newly enrolled tested for Initial Identification (II); and 3,736 with Test Purpose unknown.

K-1 Early Literacy Assessment Field Test

The newly developed K-1 early literacy assessment questions were field tested from March 16-20, 2009.

- The field test design includes four test forms (each with 20 questions: 10 reading and 10 writing).
- The sampling distribution plan for schools participating in the field test encompasses geographic, school district size, and primary language diversity.
- The first K-1 reading and writing operational test form will be administered starting July 1, 2009.
- The standard setting will be conducted early in 2010.

Transition to New Contractor and Upcoming Workshops

The transition between CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB) and the new CELDT contractor, Educational Data Systems, is underway.

- CTB has been delivering materials that Educational Data Systems will need to administer the CELDT 2009-10 Edition.
- CTB will continue through the end of 2009 as it completes all activities related to the 2008-09 administration.
- Questions related to obtaining 2008-09 Edition test materials, shipping the student tests to CTB for processing, and receiving reports and data files for all testing that occurs through June 30, 2009, should continue to be directed to CTB at 800-944-8594 or by e-mail at ctbceldthelpdesk@ctb.com.

The CELDT Program at Educational Data Systems is led by Caroline Fahmy, President. The subcontractors working with Educational Data Systems on CELDT include the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE), MetriTech, Inc., and Kornerstone Technologies (KST).

- The Center for Student Assessment and Program Accountability at SCOE will provide the coordination of workshops and scoring training for the CELDT.
- MetriTech, Inc., an experienced test development and assessment management company in Champaign, Illinois, will provide the item and test development activities, open-ended item scoring, and technical analysis related to scoring and reporting the CELDT.
- KST, a professional firm that operates and manages large-scale helpdesks, will run the CELDT customer support center with the goal of providing California districts with the highest level of customer service.

Educational Data Systems has been:

- Coordinating with CDE and CTB on the transition tasks
- Preparing for the administration of the K-1 Early Literacy field test and operational assessment
- Creating a new CELDT Web site (www.celdt.org)
- Preparing materials for item writer training
- Planning and scheduling the required scoring workshops

Scoring Training of Trainers Workshops for the 2009-10 CELDT Edition

The mandatory Scoring Training of Trainers workshops, formerly called Pre-Administration Workshops, are scheduled to begin in late April.

- These workshops are required for individuals who will be test examiners in small districts or charter schools and/or will be trainers of test examiners. The test examiners are responsible for administering and scoring the CELDT locally.
- The official score for the speaking domain is the local score. Therefore, scorer training is critical to ensure the validity of the CELDT speaking scores.
- The official scores for the listening, reading, and writing domains are provided by the CELDT test contractor.
- Twenty workshops will be held across California from April 30 through June 12, 2009.
- There will be four make-up workshops provided beginning in late July to early August.

CELDT Live! WebEx Series

Educational Data Systems will provide monthly online trainings called *CELDT Live!* using WebEx technology.

- These online sessions are not mandatory, but will provide the CELDT District Coordinators with important detailed information and very practical topics related to administering the CELDT
- *CELDT Live!* will cover topics, such as ordering test materials, submitting Pre-ID files, receiving test materials, packing and shipping tests for processing, local scoring tool (formerly e-TIP), and online data correction