

Assessment Update #2

7/2/2009

Dear Assessment Directors,

Just a few updates, please contact me if you have any questions.

1. CRT Cut Scores

Sharon Marsh placed a cut score chart for Language Arts and Science on the Testing web page last week. I have attached a version with headers and test names to this email. We will send you the math cut scores as soon as they are available and a PDF document with all the cut score information (mid July).

2. TAMs

As a result of budget cuts we will be moving from paper based TAMs (teacher administration manuals) to electronic versions posted on our website. We will provide further information in the August Assessment meeting.

3. UPASS Reports

It has come to our attention (thanks Davis) that there was a typographical error on the high school UPASS reports printed in PDF version for 2007 and 2008. The targets were listed incorrectly (190 instead of 180 and 80% instead of 75%) on the reports, the calculations were not impacted. The correct reports are available at the following website:

<http://u-pass.schools.utah.gov/u-passweb/UpassServlet>

4. August Assessment Directors Meeting (2nd notice)

We will have regional Assessment Directors meetings in August (please see schedule below). Immediately following the regional Assessment Directors meetings, we will participate in a combined meeting with curriculum where assessment and curriculum directors will be given opportunity to express to USOE staff specific needs and suggestions

Regional Assessment Directors meetings 9-10 am.

Optional combined input meetings with curriculum 10:00–12:30 am.

August 10, 2009

Box Elder District Office

August 11, 2009

Canyons District Office

August 12, 2009
Carbon District Office

August 13, 2009
Cedar City, TBA

5. New Assessment Director Meeting

A full day meeting for new assessment directors will be held on August 14 at the Nebo Learning Center from 9-3. Returning directors are welcome to attend. An agenda will be sent with the next assessment update in two weeks.

6. Monthly Assessment Director Meetings

All meetings will be held at the Nebo Learning Center.

August 14	9-3
September 17	8-12
October 15	8-5
November 5	8-12
January 14	8-5
March 18	8-12
June 10	8-12

7. CBT (2nd notice)

100% CBT Testing: We are looking at moving some tests to 100% CBT next year. We need your input. Please take a moment and go to the following link to a complete a five minute survey about which tests should be considered.

Survey Link:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=819zOfye9_2bLorNx_2fQ30LGA_3d_3d

8. UTIPS

A UTIPS users and operators group meeting will be held next week during the rural schools conference on Wednesday, July 8th at 5 pm. Jared Orton (jared.orton@nebo.edu) and James Christensen (james.christensen@cues.k12.ut.us) are the User's Group Co-Chairs, and can provide more information, we encourage your participation.

Thanks,
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