

Science CRTs hold a significant part in the educational landscape of Utah. Related to CRTs, the Utah State Office of Education has the goal of developing high quality, valid, aligned, reliable assessments to measure student understanding of core content specified concepts to appropriately inform instructional and accountability decisions. Teacher involvement is crucial to this process. USOE achieves this by recruiting teachers for item writing workshops as well as a variety of item and test reviews prior to CRTs being administered. This involvement ensures Utah perspectives and understandings are reflected in these tests. This involvement also supports the validity of these assessments.

We look forward to your involvement in this process. Not only does this process add validity to the assessments, it also represents significant professional development for you as a teacher. In addition to receiving a stipend for your time or for having the cost of a substitute teacher paid to your district, you may also receive re-licensure credit. Once you pre-register with this system, we will evaluate our needs for future workshops and will contact you regarding participation.

The next workshops in science development are:

Item writing

- June 12-14, 2007 - 7th Grade Integrated Science, 8th Grade Integrated Science, Earth Systems Science
- June 26-28, 2007 – Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Sept. 25-27, 2007 – Additional writing for Chemistry and Physics

An important part of preparing for the item writing workshops and other review events is creating a database of educators who we can call on to participate at these events. To do this, we ask that you go to the Measured Progress *iRegister* website and complete the online form.

Please use the following information to access the *iRegister* website:

- Using your web browser, navigate to <http://iservices.measuredprogress.org>
- Once at the webpage, select “Utah Science” from the drop-down box and click **Enter**.
- Click on the **Pre-Register for Item Development Workshops** link
- Click on the [2007 Utah Science Workshop Pre-Registration](#) link at the bottom of the text at the right side of the screen.
- Please enter your contact and educational experience information for our database.

If you have specific questions, you may contact:

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