Overview

Purpose

This notice is to provide you with key information regarding the Third Year Assessment Cohort Rosters, which can now be found on your district's secure File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site.

NCLB requires that ALL students participate in at least one reading/English language arts and one mathematics test at the high school level. Currently, the English II EOC, the Algebra I EOC, and the LAA 1 test are the approved assessments for Louisiana. The state must ensure that all students attending high school participate in these tests by the time they complete their third year of high school. The roster includes students who enrolled in grade 9 for the first time in 2011-12 and for whom we cannot locate an EOC or LAA 1 test in ELA, math or both.

Implications

Students on the roster who meet cohort eligibility and do not test will be counted as non-participants and receive a zero in the school, district, and state performance score calculations.

What to Do

1. **Changes to roster: It is not necessary to send documentation for roster correction at this time**. If a student is no longer enrolled in the school, the student should be registered to test and an accountability code should be applied to the student. Additional updates to the roster will be completed during the August data certification process data system. However, please be sure that the documentation that will be needed to verify corrections, such as a Carnegie unit earned in a nonpublic or out of state school, is available for review in August.

2. **LAA 1 students:** LAA 1 students do not need to be entered with an accountability code as long as they participate in LAA 1 testing.

3. **Registering Third-Year Assessment Cohort Students in the EOC Tests System:** To register students who need to take Algebra I/Geometry and/or English II/English III EOC tests for accountability purposes, STCs should add a teacher and class (Algebra I, Geometry, English II, English III) using the information found on page 3 of the EOC *Test Coordinators Manual* (May 2013). Once students are added to a class, the STC may assign an accountability code, if needed. The function is available under the ***Student Management*** tab in the EOC Tests system.

Additional Information and Support

Students Who Must Test

All students who are enrolled during the district testing window must participate in the administration of English II and/or Algebra I or LAA 1 if one or more of the following is true:

1. Student is enrolled in English II or Algebra I. Accountability only uses initial testers but students that repeat the course must continue to retake the test.
2. Student has no record of taking at least one high school level End-of- course assessment in English/language arts and/or no record of taking at least one high school mathematics End-of-course assessment OR student has no record of a forced zero in place of the required End-of-course assessments for a previous accountability cycle. Grade placement, program participation, or Carnegie unit counts do not affect the need to test.
3. Student is identified for LAA 2 and does not meet the requirements for Accountability Code 87 (see text box below). There is no longer an approved LAA 2 test for high school that replaces EOC. Most LAA 2 students must participate in EOC testing.

Accountability Code 87- Per RS 17:24.4(K), the special education student in high school is on a non-diploma pathway, the IEP Team has determined that the ACT and/or EOC is not an appropriate assessment for the student, and the IEP team has completed all necessary documentation within the SER system to support this decision, including 1) completion of the Non-Diploma Pathway Consideration Checklist, 2) appropriate designation on the individual Graduation Plan that aligns with the Transition Plan, and 3) non-tester/non-diploma indicated on the LEAP section.

Students Who Do Not Need to Test

There are some students who will not need to test if one or more of the following statements is true:

1. Student has earned the credit for English II or Algebra I from an out of state school, a private school or an approved home school. Schools should have a copy of a report card or transcript from the qualifying school available for review.
2. Student began grade 9 prior to 2011-12.
3. Student received a zero in the third year assessment determinations for 2012-13.
4. Student is correctly identified as eligible for LAA 1 on a current IEP **and** participates in LAA 1 testing.

Additional Support

If you have any questions or are in need of additional information, please feel free to contact one of the accountability staff via email. Note, If you have questions related to the FTP site, please contact: sherry.randall@la.gov.

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Data File Overview

In addition to demographic information for students there are some important columns in the excel file found on the FTP site:

- *Column "Previous ELA Test Taken"*: Determines if student has taken English II. If N (No), then student must test even if they are not enrolled in the course. If Y (Yes), then student does not have to test unless they are enrolled in the course. (It is possible that a student has taken English II but has not taken Algebra I.)
- *Column "Currently enrolled in English II or III"*: Student should take the test that corresponds to the course. This roster includes only third year assessment cohort students who are enrolled in a course.
- *Column "Previous Math Test Taken"*: If N (No), then student must test even if they are not enrolled in the course. If Y (Yes), then student does not have to test unless they are enrolled in the course. (It is possible that a student has taken Algebra I but has not taken English II.)
- *Column "Currently enrolled in Algebra I or Geometry"*: Student should take the test that corresponds to the course. This roster includes only third year assessment cohort students who are enrolled in a course.
- *Column "Education Classification"*: 0=regular education, 1=special education, 2=gifted/talented. If these are not correct, please contact your SIS coordinator. We will not be making changes to the roster at this time.