



Dr. John D. Barge, State School Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators

FROM: Tony Eitel
Director for Assessment Administration

SUBJECT: 2012 System Testing Coordinator (STC) Fall Conferences

In preparation for the 2012-2013 school year, the Assessment Division of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will be conducting System Test Coordinator Conferences during the month of August 2012.

The purpose of these conferences is to provide important information necessary for the successful administration of the 2012-2013 Georgia Student Assessment Program. All sessions will be held via webinar, using the BlackBoard Collaborate online platform. The URL links for each session can be found below in this memorandum; no password is needed.

All System Test Coordinators are required to attend one of the two half-day General Sessions. We also strongly encourage all veteran System Test Coordinators to attend one of the two Student Assessment Handbook overview sessions. The general session will focus on test administration topics common to all programs along with important updates across the state's assessment program. Also, we will discuss highlights and changes for each program for 2012 – 2013. The session dedicated to providing an overview of the 2012 – 2013 Student Assessment Handbook is intended to address any changes in the Handbook for the upcoming year and to orient you to the Handbook itself and to its value as a tool in implementing your local system's assessment program.

New System Test Coordinators are required to attend one of the two General Sessions **and** one of the two New System Test Coordinator Overview sessions. The session for new STCs is intended to provide support for system staff new to overseeing the administration of the state assessment program. During this session, more detailed information about each testing program will be provided along with a review of resources available to support new System Test Coordinators. Although this session is developed with new staff in mind, everyone is welcome to attend. As with their veteran colleagues, we also strongly encourage all new System Test Coordinators to attend one of the two Student Assessment Handbook overview sessions.

All System Test Coordinators should register for the conference(s) at the following website, no later than August 1, 2012. Again, please note that everyone must attend one of the two General Sessions.

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<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22FLYF7AXUC>

System Test Coordinators should feel free to invite other interested colleagues, (e.g., Special Education or Title III Coordinators). We ask that all attendees register.

The dates and times for each session are listed below. Also included below are the direct URL links that will be necessary to enter each session. Again, no password is required.

Fall 2012 System Test Coordinator Conferences

Date	Session /Time	URL Link to Session
August 3, 2012	General Session 9:00am – 12:00pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.3DB6A54E2068CCFC9E5DDF84701C4F Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.D066169990BE3C46BBE412AC9B4632&sid=2012003
August 7, 2012	Student Assessment Handbook Overview 9:00am – 12:00pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.690955EB00B710FE892694E0838EF7 Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.461960F1C53562AFD8D08FF955B56D&sid=2012003
August 7, 2012	New System Test Coordinator Overview 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.A569DD EC0682A4A764F2523565D85D Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.35B54F0F67D22B7C401282A48CB3B9&sid=2012003
August 16, 2012	New System Test Coordinator Overview 9:00am – 12:00pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.4A5DA45AFCAB57D6BFC4B00533B0C7 Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.B6DBB9E87263D3E846B962BE48B091&sid=2012003
August 16, 2012	General Session 1:30pm – 4:30pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.668A85EE7C4436E2D0B0C8448EE543 Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.7252B074761D72E8C8C04FB9E2B900&sid=2012003
August 27, 2012	Student Assessment Handbook Overview 9:00am – 12:00pm	Live Session: https://sas.illuminate.com/m.jnlp?sid=2012003&password=M.E9F46132190AF2B309E52486E967F6 Recording: https://sas.illuminate.com/mr.jnlp?suid=M.C51880B045AB368F8B623B4201887E&sid=2012003



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Thank you in advance for making plans to attend these important conferences. If you have any questions or need additional information related to these conferences, please contact Ms. Connie Caldwell at (404) 656-2668 or ccaldwel@doe.k12.ga.us.

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