

August 3, 2020

MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators

FROM: Sandy Greene, Ed.D.
Director of Assessment Administration

SUBJECT: 2020-2021 Assessment Training Schedule

The Assessment Division of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will be hosting various online training webinars over the course of the 2020-2021 school year. Be aware that the GaDOE will not be offering live repeat sessions for these training dates.

Table 1 represents the current list of required sessions for System Test Coordinators including the Fall Conferences – Part 1 and Part 2 as well as sessions specific to the state mandated assessments. Additionally, it should be understood and that the schedule below is subject to change. Links to the webinar sessions may be found in the monthly *Assessment Update* newsletters. Recording links will be sent to registered attendees following all sessions.

Table 1

Date	Program	Title	Time
7/21/2020	Assessment	Technology Director Training for All Online Assessment Platforms	10 – 11:30 a.m.
7/23/2020	Assessment	Assessment Planning (State Charter Schools Only)	9 – 12 p.m.
7/28/2020	Georgia Milestones	Fall 2020 EOC Mid-Month Pre-Administration and Test Set-Up	10 – 11:30 a.m.
7/30/2020	GKIDS 2.0 & Readiness Check	GKIDS 2.0 Pre-Administration/Readiness Check Training Part 1	2 – 3:30 p.m.
8/11/2020	Assessment	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 1 (Policy; Program Outlines; Student Assessment Handbook, Accessibility and Accommodations Manual)	9 – 11:30 a.m.
8/13/2020	GKIDS 2.0 & Readiness Check	GKIDS 2.0 Pre-Administration/Readiness Check Training Part 2	2 – 3:30 p.m.
8/18/2020	Assessment	Fall Assessment Conference Webinar Part 2 (Chief Planning Considerations for the Assessment Calendar; Assessment Administration Protocol Manual)	9 – 11:30 a.m.



Date	Program	Title	Time
9/10/2020	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	Georgia-Specific Guidance for ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
9/17/2020	NAEP	NAEP Pre-Administration Training (sampled schools only)	1 – 2 p.m.
10/1/2020	GKIDS 2.0 & Readiness Check	GKIDS 2.0 & Readiness Check Reporting Part 3	10 – 11:30 a.m.
10/8/2020	GAA 2.0	GAA 2.0 Test Administration Procedures	1 – 3 p.m.
10/13/2020	Georgia Milestones	End of Course Winter 2020/Spring 2021 Mid-Month Pre-Administration and Test Set-up	10 – 11:30 a.m.
10/22/2020	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Pre-Administration Training	10 – 11:30 a.m.
11/13/2020	Assessment	Assessment November 2020 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.
1/12/2021	Assessment	Technology Director Training	10 – 11:30 a.m.
1/21/2021	GAA 2.0	GAA Nextera Platform Training	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
1/28/2021	GKIDS 2.0	GKIDS 2.0 – Mid-year Reports Part 4	10 – 11:30 a.m.
2/18/2021	GAA 2.0	GAA 2.0 Pre-Administration Webinar	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
2/23/2021	Georgia Milestones	Spring/Summer 2021 EOG & EOC Pre-Administration and Test Set-up	10 – 11:30 a.m.
4/28/2021	GKIDS 2.0	GKIDS 2.0 End-of-Year Reporting Part 5	10 – 11:30 a.m.
5/14/2021	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0	ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 Post-Administration Training	9 – 10 a.m. ET
5/14/2021	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs	Alternate ACCESS for ELLs Post-Administration Training	11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Of note, the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS trainings will primarily take place through the WIDA 2020-2021 training schedule posted at <https://wida.wisc.edu/>. These WIDA training sessions will be included and announced to System Test Coordinators through the monthly *Assessment Updates*.

Table 2 represents the current list of optional sessions for System Test Coordinators and other appropriate personnel. These sessions provide information and guidance specific to the optional formative assessments including Keenville and DRC BEACON as well as the optional resources including Formative Instructional Practices (FIP), TestPad and Assessment Lunch and Learns. Additional sessions may be added, if needed. Links to the webinar sessions may be found in the monthly *Assessment Update* newsletters. Recording links will be sent to registered attendees following all sessions.

Table 2

Date	Program	Title	Time
6/4/2020	FIP	#1 FIP – How Schools Can Improve Professional Capacity and Student Achievement	10 – 11 a.m.
7/23/2020	FIP	#2 FIP – Using Georgia FIP Web Page Resources for Improvement Planning	10 – 11 a.m.
8/4/2020	TestPad	TestPad Overview	10 – 11:30 a.m.
8/13/2020	Keenville	Keenville Pre-Administration Training	10 – 11:30 a.m.

Date	Program	Title	Time
8/20/2020	FIP	#3 FIP – Using FIP Courses to Design Better Classroom-based Formative Assessments	10 – 11 a.m.
8/25/2020	BEACON	BEACON Overview and Pre-Administration	10 – 11:30 a.m.
9/11/2020	Assessment	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.
9/15/2020	BEACON	BEACON Overview and Pre-Administration (Live Repeat)	10 – 11:30 a.m.
9/17/2020	FIP	#4 FIP – Creating Optimal Opportunities to Lead FIP Professional Learning	10 – 11 a.m.
10/16/2020	Assessment	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.
10/22/2020	FIP	#5 FIP – Leading Teachers to help Students Revise their Thinking Using Formative Assessment	10 – 11 a.m.
11/10/2020	BEACON	BEACON – Using BEACON to Inform Instruction	10 – 11:30 a.m.
12/3/2020	FIP	#6 FIP – Organizing to Help Teachers Facilitate Student Ownership of Learning	10 – 11 a.m.
2/2/2021	BEACON	BEACON – Mid-Year Guidance and Reports	10 – 11:30 a.m.
2/12/2021	Assessment	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.
3/12/2021	Assessment	Assessment Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 p.m.
5/25/2021	Assessment	Post-Assessment Training	10 – 11:30 a.m.

Our webinar platform requires that all attendees pre-register. After pre-registering, you will receive a unique link to use to enter the actual webinar session on its scheduled date/time. You will be able to share the invitation link with others in your office/system that may need to attend the sessions. They, too, will be required to pre-register, and upon doing so, will receive their own unique link to enter the session. As previously mentioned, all session links will be provided in the monthly *Assessment Update* posted to the [For Educators](#) website.

Your assessment specialist may be reached at 404-656-2668 or 800-634-4106 should you have questions.

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