

June 18, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators

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

SUBJECT: 2021-2022 Assessment Training Schedule

The Assessment Division of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) will host various online training webinars over the course of the 2021-2022 school year.

Effective September 1, 2021, the GaDOE will utilize Microsoft Teams (in place of GoToWebinar) for all webinar presentations facilitated by the Assessment Division. All attendees must pre-register for all training sessions (required and optional) through links provided in the monthly *Assessment Update* newsletters posted to the [For Educators](#) site. Links to the recordings will be shared with attendees. STCs are reminded to refer to the *Assessment Update* posted monthly to the [For Educators](#) website for regularly updated guidance and policy related to all assessments.

Of note, the ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 and Alternate ACCESS trainings will primarily take place through the WIDA 2021-2022 training schedule posted at <https://wida.wisc.edu/>. These WIDA training sessions will be included and announced to STCs through the monthly *Assessment Updates*. In September, all ACCESS for ELLs and WIDA Screener training courses will migrate to WIDA's learning management system, Canvas.

Table 1 lists required sessions for System Test Coordinators (STCs). The schedule below is subject to change, if needed.

Table 1 Current list of required sessions for STCs specific to state mandated assessments

Date	Program	Title	Time
7/13/2021	All Assessments	Fall Conference - Part 1	9 – 11:30 am
7/20/2021	Georgia Milestones	Fall 2021 EOC Test Set-up	10 – 11:30 am
7/22/2021	All Assessments	Technology Directors Training	10 – 11:30 am
7/26/2021	All Assessments	Charter School Annual Assessment Training (State Charter Schools Only)	9 am – 12 pm
7/27/2021	All Assessments	Fall Conference – Part 2	9 – 11:30 am
7/29/2021	GKIDS & Readiness Check	Pre-Administration Training	2 – 3:30 pm
8/5/2021	ACCESS for ELLs	Accommodations Training	9 – 10 am

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Date	Program	Title	Time
9/9/2021	ACCESS for ELLs	Georgia-Specific Training	9 – 11 pm
10/7/2021	GKIDS 2.0	Reporting	2 – 3:30 pm
10/12/2021	Georgia Milestones	Winter 2021 EOC/Spring 2021 MM Test Set-up & Pre-Administration	10 – 11:30 am
10/14/2021	NAEP	Pre-Administration (selected schools only)	1 – 2 pm
10/21/2021	GAA 2.0	Overview and Eligibility	1 – 3 pm
11/30/2021	Georgia Milestones	Fall/Winter 2021 EOC Interactive Reporting Overview	10 – 11:30 am
12/2/2021	ACCESS for ELLs	Test Integrity	9 – 10 am
12/9/2021	ACCESS for ELLs	Pre-Administration Training	9 – 10 am
1/11/2022	All Assessments	Technology Directors Training	10 – 11:30 am
1/20/2022	GAA 2.0	Nextera Platform Training	10 am – 12 pm
1/27/2022	GKIDS 2.0	Mid-year Training and Reports	10 – 11:30 am
2/3/2022	GAA 2.0	Test Administration Procedures	1 – 3 pm
2/17/2022	GAA 2.0	Pre-Administration Training	10 am – 12 pm
2/22/2022	Georgia Milestones	Spring/Summer 2022 EOC/EOG Test Set-up and Pre-Administration	10 – 11:30 am
3/22/2022	Georgia Milestones	Spring 2022 EOC/EOG Interactive Reporting	10 – 11:30 am
4/28/2022	GKIDS 2.0	GKIDS End of Year Reporting	10 – 11:30 am
5/26/2022	ACCESS for ELLs	Post-Assessment Training	9 – 10 am

Table 2 lists optional sessions for STCs and other appropriate personnel. It is strongly recommended that STCs and appropriate personnel attend the Assessment Lunch and Learn sessions and the Accessibility and Accommodations series. The remaining sessions provide information and guidance specific to the optional formative assessments and resources including Keenville, DRC BEACON, Formative Instructional Practices (FIP), and TestPad. Additional sessions may be added, as needed.

Table 2 Current list of optional sessions for STCs and other appropriate personnel

Date	Program	Title	Time
7/22/2021	Keenville	Pre-Administration Training	2 – 3:30 pm
7/29/2021	DRC BEACON	Pre-Administration Training	10 – 11:30 am
8/3/2021	All Assessments	Accessibility and Accommodations – Part 1 – Understanding Key Concepts	10 – 11:30 am
8/10/2021	All Assessments	Accessibility and Accommodations – Part 2 – Review of Accessibility and Accommodations Charts	10 – 11:30 am
8/17/2021	All Assessments	Accessibility and Accommodations – Part 3 – Best Practices	10 – 11:30 am

Date	Program	Title	Time
8/31/2021	All Assessments	Accessibility and Accommodations – Part 4 – Monitoring the Assignment of Assessment Accommodations	10 – 11:30 am
9/10/2021	All Assessments	September 2021 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
9/15/2021	TestPad/FIP	Overview	10 – 11 am
10/15/2021	All Assessments	October 2021 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
10/31/2021	FIP	Formative Instructional Practices: How Schools Can Improve	10 – 11 am
11/9/2021	DRC BEACON	Using BEACON to Inform Instruction	10 – 11:30 am
11/10/2021	FIP	Using GA FIP Resources to Support Improvement Planning	10 – 11 am
11/12/2021	All Assessments	November 2021 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
12/2/2021	Keenville	Training #2	10 – 11:30 am
12/8/2021	FIP	Using FIP Courses to Design Better Lesson-based Formative Assessments	10 – 11 am
1/13/2022	FIP	Creating Optimal Opportunities to Lead FIP	10 – 11 am
1/14/2022	All Assessments	January 2022 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
2/1/2022	DRC BEACON	Mid-Year Guidance and Reports	10 – 11:30 am
2/11/2022	All Assessments	February 2022 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
2/24/2022	FIP	Leading Teachers to Help Students Revise their Thinking Using Formative Assessment	10 – 11 am
3/11/2022	All Assessments	March 2022 Lunch and Learn	12 – 1 pm
3/17/2022	FIP	Organizing to Help Teachers Facilitate Student Ownership of Learning	10 – 11 am
4/19/2022	FIP	Overview of New FIP Courses	10 – 11 am
4/21/2022	Keenville	Training #3	10 – 11:30 am

Please contact your assessment specialist with any questions.

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