

E-MESSAGE #15

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Dear PASA AC

This communication is sent as follow up to PASA AC Email #13 dated March 24, 2021. It provides important information regarding considerations and impact on the Kite Educator Portal when using the extended testing window. Questions regarding the below may be directed to alternateassessment@pattan.net.

What is the testing window for PASA?

The 2020-21 PASA test administration window is March 8 - September 30, 2021. The window is currently open for testing.

Are there any dates within the window that LEAs cannot test?

Yes. Testing cannot be administered in the Kite portal on 7/29 and 7/30/2021 due to system updates. Likewise, availability for teachers to complete Required Test Administrator Training (RTAT) in the Kite portal will be unavailable 7/27 through 8/3/2021.

Are there special considerations schools must know if administering the assessment during Extended School Year (ESY)?

Yes. If students are assigned to a new teacher during ESY, Assessment Coordinators will need to update the student's roster. If the student's teacher is new to the PASA DLM system, the Assessment Coordinator will need to create a user account in Kite Educator Portal. The teacher will be required to sign the security agreement, complete the Required Test Administrator Modules and pass each competency test before he/she can assess the student. If testing occurs after 7/26/21, previously trained teachers will need to complete the Required Test Administrator Training refresher. Please note: training completed after August 3, 2021 will remain valid throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Are there special considerations schools must know if administering the assessment in the Fall?

Yes. If students are assigned to new teachers or new schools as the school year begins, Assessment Coordinators will need to update the student's school building and rosters. If the student's teacher is new to the PASA DLM system, the Assessment Coordinator will need to create a user account in Kite Educator Portal. The teacher will be required to complete the 2021-22 Required Test Administrator Modules and pass each competency test before he/she can assess the student. Previously trained

teachers will need to complete the Required Test Administrator Training refresher. Please note: training completed after August 3, 2021 will remain valid throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Will students who take the PASA in September be assessed twice in the same school year?

Yes. If schools wait until September to administer the 2020-21 PASA, the student will be assessed twice in the same school year. The student will, however, be assessed at the 2020-21 grade level assessment in September and the 2021-22 grade level assessment in spring (e.g., a student in 3rd grade this year will take the 3rd grade level PASA in September of 2021, but will take 4th grade PASA in the Spring of 2022, if he/she is in grade 4).

How is the Required Test Administration Training (RTAT) impacted?

Teachers who assess students after July 27, 2021 must complete the 2021-22 Required Test Administrator Training (RTAT) before administering the assessment even if they had completed the RTAT in 2020-21. Teachers who completed the RTAT in 2020-21, will complete an abbreviated version of the original training. Please note: Completion of the 2021-22 RTAT at any point during the year fulfills the training requirement for the full school year. Teachers will not need to complete additional training to administer the 2021-22 spring assessment.

When can LEAs expect to receive 2021 student score reports?

Regardless of when the student is assessed during the PASA test administration window, schools can expect to receive the printed individual student score report during the week of 1/28/22. Access to student scores is expected to be available in the Kite Educator Portal by 12/3/21.

Where can I review more information about PASA test administration in the Fall?

More details about PASA test administration including student testing scenarios, impact to Kite Educator Portal, etc. can be found in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document available on the PaTTAN PASA and PA DLM websites.

Kindly,

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