

## Iowa Alternate Assessment Webinar-#3 Timelines

Slide 1: Welcome to IAA process for this current school year. This webinar, the 3<sup>rd</sup> in a series of 8 entitled, "Iowa Alternate Assessment Timelines" provides IAA guidance and policy. The intended audience for this webinar includes teachers, parents, administrators and AEA personnel.

This presentation will provide you important information which will enable you to successfully complete the IAA for each of your students.

Slide 2: From the start of school to the end of the school year, teach and monitor progress. Instruction of the Iowa Core should occur from the first day of school to the last day. The IAA is not about a week or a day it is about yearlong instruction.

For the 15 items in each content area selected for reporting in September, gather data and be prepared to report progress, in percent proficient, in November, January, and March.

The Department encourages you to continue teaching students after the assessment closes until the end of the year for the following reasons:

1. Students without disabilities receive instruction after Iowa Assessments have been completed.
2. You can use this instruction to inform the following year's instruction.
3. More instructional time usually equates with increased performance scores. Give your students a chance to show what they can do!

Please adhere to these timelines to ensure an accurate and timely completion of the Iowa Alternate Assessment.

Slide 3: From September 1 to September 10, 2012, print off IAA Rating Scales from DE IAA webpage for each content area assessed. Indicate Mastered Items on the Rating Scales for each student on the Mastery Checklist. Select 15 items in each content area to report progress on.

Slide 4: Students who have mastered many items and for whom 15 novel items cannot be identified, should be considered for the general assessment.

Slide 5: There are three steps for selecting 15 items to instruct and report out. Step 1: Review the Learner Characteristics of your student

Slide 6: Step 2:

Review the IEP and cumulative folder to identify strengths and weaknesses, interests and preferences, IEP goals, and prior skill levels on alternate or general assessment

Slide 7: Step 3: After reviewing the information reported in the student profile, student achievement data from the IEP, last year's IAA results, and what you know about the student, Select 15 Items not yet "Mastered" to report on in the 2011-2012 school year.

The assumption is that all items not yet mastered are taught, but the expectation is that only 15 items per content area will be used as part of the alternate assessment.

In Reading: One Standard/15 items

In Math: Four Standards

At least 3 items from each standard/select the remaining items 3 from any of the standards for a total of 15 items

In Science: Select any 15 items

The rationale why the Department eliminated the mastered option is because that evidence is required to show that students are being rated on items that are taught and because the IAA performance scores will be based on the fifteen items rated - not the entire pool of items as in the past.

Slide 8: From September 10- September 30, 2012, complete Student Profiles in the IAA Online System.

Slide 9: Report out performance on 15 items selected in September for each content area assessed. October 1 to November 30: 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting period. 11/30 December 1- January 30: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reporting period. February 1- March 30: 3<sup>rd</sup> Reporting period.

Slide 10: Reporting periods in November, January, and March allow the Department to Study Growth which is a new requirement in our "Next Generation Alternate Assessment".

Slide 11: IAA process begins in August with examination of the previous year's Iowa Alternate Assessment Results: Audit classroom visits will occur between September and October

Fall Audit Visits are scheduled and are based on performance on the previous year's assessment. In November a Fall Evidence Audit will take place. Evidence from randomly selected students across the state will be submitted to the Department. Notification of selection will occur December 1<sup>st</sup>. The IAA Audits Webinar located on the DE IAA webpage outline and describes the audit visit process

Slide 12: Thank you for viewing the "Iowa Alternate Assessment Timelines webinar"

Slide 13: For more information regarding the Iowa Alternate Assessment Process please view the DE IAA Webpage or contact Emily Thatcher. The Iowa Department of Education appreciates the work that you do with your students. Thank you!

