Iowa Alternate Assessment Webinar #8 Transcript- Future Enhancements

Slide 1: Welcome to IAA process for this current school year. This webinar, the 8th in a series of 8, entitled, "Iowa Alternate Assessment Future Enhancements" provides information on Iowa's involvement in the development of the Next Generation Alternate Assessment. The intended audience for this webinar includes teachers, parents, administrators and AEA personnel.

Slide 2: Iowa is working on Future Enhancements to their current Iowa Alternate Assessment through study and participation in Dynamic Learning Maps National Alternate Assessment Consortium through participation and development of a Next Generation Alternate Assessment that is aligned to the Iowa Core/Common Core State Standards.

Slide 3: The department is additionally studying how AEAs can Support instruction of the Iowa Core as measured by the Iowa Alternate Assessment and Using Standards Tasks to Support Ratings.

Slide 4: Iowa has partnered with the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment Consortium in the development of Iowa's Next Generation Alternate Assessment

Slide 5: Key features of this Next Generation Alternate Assessment include:

Common Core Essential Elements (CCEE) and achievement level descriptors (ALD)

Learning maps

Technology platform

Dynamic assessment

Advanced feedback and reporting systems (including growth modeling)

Instructionally-embedded and stand-alone versions

Slide 6: The Delivery Team of Iowa' s potential Next Generation Alternate Assessment include:

University of Kansas

Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation

Beach Center on Disability

Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis

Center for Research on Learning

Faculty in several departments

The ARC

The Center for Literacy and Disability Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Edvantia

Slide 7: The Dynamic Learning Maps Consortium is comprised of thirteen states

Slide 8: For additional information regarding the dynamic learning maps consortium please go to the web link provided in this slide

Slide 9: State members of the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment consortium have built Common Core Essential Elements and the Delivery Team is creating the next generation alternate assessment based upon the Common Core Essential Elements and learning maps.

Slide 10: The Common Core Essential Elements are the instructional targets of the Iowa Core for students with significant disabilities

Slide 11: The Common Core Essential Elements (CCEE) are specific statements of the content and skills that are linked to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) grade level specific expectations for students with significant cognitive disabilities

Slide 12: **They Are:**

Align directly with the Common Core Standards at each grade

• Statements of content and skills that provide a bridge for students with SCD to achieve grade differentiated expectations

• Provide challenge and rigor appropriate for students with SCD in consideration of the significance of their disabilities

Emphasize Learning across the Grades

They are not:

• Downward Extension to pre-K

• General Essence Statements

• Statements of Functional Skills

Slide 13: This is an example of how the Iowa Core Essential Elements relate to the Iowa Core Standards for First and Second Grad ELA Standards reading for literature. On the far left column are the Iowa Core Standards. On the far right column are the Iowa Core Essential Elements aligned to the grade level Iowa Core Standards

Slide 14: In addition, for each Iowa Core Essential Elements, levels of complexity or how to differentiate the standards will be provided to guide instruction for all learners regardless of the nature or severity of their disability.

Slide 15: The Significant Disabilities State Leadership team, representatives from each AEA, a variety of school districts, and the three Institutes of Higher Ed in our state who provide pre-service, endorsement seeking, or graduate level degrees for those who seek a Strategist II MD endorsement are crafting a deployment plan for the Essential Elements and future professional development on instruction of Iowa Core English Language Arts and Math Essential Elements

Slide 16: The Assessment for the next generation alternate assessment will be based on learning maps.

Slide 17: At your convenience, please view this short U-Tube video that explains the relationship between the Learning Maps and Learning Progressions

Slide 18: The Department continues to work with assessment experts and one of the two Race to the Top National Alternate Assessment Consortiums (Dynamic Learning Maps) in the development and determination of Iowa's Next Generation Alternate Assessment. The Next Generation Alternate Assessment could be adopting the Dynamic Learning Maps when fully developed, or a blend of the Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment and the current IAA, or a new Iowa Alternate Assessment. The Department is committed to a process that is good for students, is efficient, and meaningful for teachers and parents.

Slide 19: Thank you for viewing the "Iowa Alternate Assessment Future Enhancements" webinar.

Slide 20: Please contact Emily Thatcher with questions regarding future enhancements of the Iowa Alternate Assessment. The Iowa Department of Education appreciates the work that you do with your students. Thank you!