

Q and A from 9/30/15 Tea with Troy Office Hours

Question	Answer
<i>How will requests for ACT-approved accommodations be submitted for the ACT Plus Writing assessment this year?</i>	Good news: ACT has created an online portal for this, and field tests have been very positive. This will be released soon, so more information will be forthcoming.
<i>When will Badger Exam percentile ranks be available?</i>	This will be connected to the public release of data, and that will occur later this fall. The dashboards are still being built for Public, and are currently in the 'quality assurance' process. Secure just released this week. We'll update you as the process continues to move forward.
<i>Do we have timelines for public release of assessment data?</i>	End of October is the goal for Badger and ACT public release. RVSD as of 10/7/15: the public release of data has been delayed. We will update you as we have more information available (See 10/7/15 DAC Digest for more information)
<i>Do we have a timeline for details around the early literacy screener?</i>	We are looking at the possibility of cost decreases. This year, we will continue PALs. Next year, according to the legislation, all districts will submit their costs for their screeners, and if those costs exceed what is budgeted by the State, then districts will receive a percentage reimbursement. There is much work yet to be done with this, so please stay tuned.
<i>What is DRC?</i>	DRC is Data Recognition Corporation - the vendor responsible for the 3-8 Forward Exam. It's the same vendor that we use for ACCESS.
<i>When will resource materials be available to begin preping for Forward? Sample questions, ect.</i>	DPI-OSA will be meeting with DRC later in October. We'll be releasing materials and more information after that initial meeting as it's available.
<i>What is the status of alternative pupil assessments?</i>	In short, it's highly unlikely that USED will grant the request to allow choices for student assessments. Stay tuned!
<i>Any news about social studies assessments for 4, 8, and 10?</i>	We are awaiting more information about SS since it is currently in the RFP process. Stay tuned! RVSD as of 10/7/15: A Letter of Intent was awarded to DRC to serve as our 4, 8, and 10 social studies vendor (See 10/7/15 DAC Digest for more information)
<i>Many districts have asked if there is a way to get a volume price for districts wishing to continue with PALS for next year. Realizing, of course, there is not a state contract for PALS</i>	We're looking into options for this. Stay tuned!
<i>By the end of October for Badger Exam Results?</i>	End of October is the goal for Badger and ACT public release. RVSD as of 10/7/15: the public release of data has been delayed. We will update you as we have more information available (See 10/7/15 DAC Digest for more information)
<i>Why are we not using the ACT cut scores for College and Career Readiness? In reviewing the WI cut scores they seem way out of line!</i>	Information about cut scores were included in the 9/30/15 DAC Digest. The initial proficiency cut is based on ACT's college/career ready benchmark. Advanced and basic cut scores, and how they were determined, was determined through a stakeholder process and considered several data points. You can read more about that online at the links available in the DD.
<i>Is there anything online we can point parents to for percentile ranks for Badger Exam scale scores?</i>	More information about this will be available when the data is released publicly.
<i>How should we respond to parents who work in other districts who say that they want their child's Badger Percentile Ranks?</i>	We'll get back to you on this. Stay tuned!