Assessment Update Webinar Q&A
9-20-2023

WaKIDS

Is WaKIDS import template same as last year?
Yes.

Are there now 3 required checkpoints for WaKids or are winter and spring optional?
Winter and spring are optional.

We are not able to upload our students to Teaching Strategies because we are not able to get SSID #'s for our new students. Is there a timeline for getting this fixed?
For any questions regarding this and a timeline for SSID issuance fix, please contact Customer Support at customersupport@k12.wa.us. That is the team working on the fix.

Can we upload to Teaching Strategies without the SSID #'s?
We recommend not doing this because you will need to update their record with the correct SSID again once they've been assigned. This could be more time-consuming for you.

How can I get a list of our teachers that have had training?
Email wakids@k12.wa.us with this request.

Select Assessments

Spring Alternate Assessment means WA-AIM?
Spring Alternate Assessment Registration in WAMS is for WA-AIM or for WIDA Alternate ACCESS, or potentially accommodated forms for WIDA ACCESS. WIDA data needs to be entered prior to early December to be included in the initial Pre-ID file sent by the state for WIDA.

Will you please confirm: WA-AIM students need to be identified in EDS by Oct. 5...or it opens Oct. 5th?
It opens October 5th.

Is that the same for WIDA Alt?

If this is for Spring Alternate Assessment Registration for WIDA Alternate Access, yes, that also opens October 5.

Is there a close date for the alternate assessment application?

The December close is for WIDA Pre-ID. You can identify WA-AIM students throughout the WA-AIM window.

What is the last day to identify those needing WA-AIM in EDS?

There is no last day to identify those needing in WA-AIM. Continue to Pre-ID those needing the state alternate ELA, math, science assessments through the spring window.

Is there a WA-AIM support group or open office hours?

There is not a WA-AIM support group or open office hours. WA-AIM questions can be asked and answered during the general assessment open office hours or by emailing wa.aim@k12.wa.us.

Technology

How do we know if Bre has our Technology Directors on her email group?

Please email Bre.Urness-Straight@k12.wa.us and she will let you know.

Development

For SRS, when we upload the '24 rosters, will teachers have access to the '23 scores for the '24 rostered students?

Yes.

Do we offer Fall SBA retakes for non-WA-AIM?

No, there is no fall retake for math or ELA Smarter Balanced tests.

What if the school year was not included in 22-23 groups? I plan to name 23-24 groups with the year, but this wasn't done for our 22-23 groups.
That should be fine. That won't create an issue on our end. And then your teachers will know which set of groups is which.

When can we enter accommodations for students in their test settings for SBA?
After your district completes a successful CEDARS submission, students are uploaded nightly by OSPI to TIDE. These uploads are scheduled to start the evening of September 25. Once student appear in TIDE, you can start entering Designated Supports and Accommodations for students.

Do we need to upload the CEDARS file into Tide by September 25th for us to enter student accommodations in TIDE on September 26th?
If you want to enter student Designated Supports and Accommodations on September 26, then your district should submit information to CEDARS by EOD September 22. Interims won't be available for use until October 2, so you have more time.

Will information about the Spanish voice pack be provided in written format so we can share it with our tech department?
Yes, we will include the information in a WAW article and send a communication to the Technology Directors.

Data

When will students be uploaded into TIDE?
Nightly files will not begin going to TIDE until the evening of September 25 at the earliest. Your district would need to have successfully submitted CEDARS data for your students at that time to flow through into TIDE.

When will CEDARS be accepting submissions?
Per EDS Customer Support, CEDARS is accepting submissions but there are bugs that are being fixed, including the SSID issuance. If you have any questions, please contact Customer Support at customersupport@k12.wa.us.

Why are those score reports [Family Report pdf files] always so late? Why can't we get them in the spring or summer?

The Family Reports for ELA, math, and science are all created at the same time, and science scores are not finished until the end of July/early August. After Cambium produces the PDFs, they go through a series of quality analysis checks before we receive them, do our own checks, and then process them for distribution to districts. If you are wanting to provide families with score reports in the spring or summer, Individual Student Reports (ISRs) can be downloaded from the Smarter Reporting System starting in early June for that purpose.

When will the virtual/PDF copies of the family reports become available in WAMS?

They are currently processing the files. We do not yet have an estimate of when they will be available. Keep an eye on the Washington Assessment Weekly (WAW) Newsletter email for updates.

What about the raw data file?

Please reach out to the analysts, or if this is regarding SGP, please email student.information@k12.wa.us

Operations

Where can I get these slides digitally?

The draft version is posted in WAMS the night before the webinar:

https://eds.ospi.k12.wa.us/TestingManagement/Operations/Downloads/Downloads.aspx?sy=2024

and then the final version will be in the WCAP Portal by EOD Friday:

https://wa.portal.cambiumast.com/resources/webinars/assessment-update-webinars

Who do we contact to add an additional DC?

Please send the details to assessment@k12.wa.us

Where do I get the link for the Assessment Open Office Hour zooms?

It is in the WAW (Washington Assessment Weekly) Newsletter.