



District of Columbia Data Test Coordinator Q & A Session

February 8, 2019

This list of questions were asked during the District of Columbia Data Test Coordinator Question and Answer Session on February, 8, 2019.

Q: What is DLM?

A: The DLM alternate assessment in science is being used by DC starting this year to assess eligible students in science for grades 5, 8, and HS Bio. More information on the assessment itself can be found at www.dynamiclearningmaps.org.

Q: When you say “eligible” students, to whom are you referring?

A: Students with severe cognitive disabilities who are eligible to take the alternate assessment in DC. For specific eligibility criteria, please contact Daniel Alcazar-Roman or Michael Craig at OSSE.

Q: Do you have their contact information?

A: daniel.alcazar-roman@dc.gov or michael.craig@dc.gov

Q: Are any other students taking science? Or just students with alternate assessment?

A: Only students eligible for the alt assessment will be taking the DLM science assessment. For non-alt eligible students, normal DC assessment guidelines should be followed.

Q: What grades are being assessed?

A: DC is testing alternate assessment students in science for grades 5, 8, and end of instruction HS biology.

Q: Are the window dates the same as PARCC?

A: The testing window is 3/18 - 5/03.

Q: When are testing plans due, and can it be the same for all the assessments we will be administering?

A: Testing plan is to be submitted for all alt assessments at the same time. Daniel Alcazar-Roman can provide more information.

Q: Is the test plan and preparations that I am doing for the MSAA the same for the alt science assessment?

A: Yes. DLM science should be included in the same plan that you do for students in the other alt assessment subjects.

Q: May we test 5th graders, 8th graders, and HS students on the same day in the same room?

A: Yes, you may assuming two things: 1) That the other students in the room cannot see or hear the content; and, 2) That each student taking the assessment has a test administrator to assist the student.

Q: Each testlet is anticipated to take 5 - 15 minutes to be administered, correct?

A: That is correct.

Q: How do we access the DLM website for DC?

A: The DC specific website is dynamiclearningmaps.org/district-of-columbia. You can also navigate to DC's page by going to dynamiclearningmaps.org and using the States dropdown menu to select DC.

Q: What is Kite?

A: The Kite Platform includes both Educator Portal, a web-based data management and reporting system, and Student Portal, the application on which tests are delivered.

Q: Where can I log on?

A: Educator Portal is located at <https://educator.kiteaai.org/AART/login.htm>. This is the program used to upload teacher and student data and to roster students to teachers. Test administrators will also enter First Contact survey and Personal Needs and Preferences Profile in Educator Portal.

Q: How do I get a log in? We have one student who needs to take the DLM science for DC. Also, if I have completed the modules and quiz for MD, do I have to do it again for DC?

A: Please contact Daniel Alcazar-Roman at OSSE to have your account added to the system. If you completed training for MD this year, you can also let Daniel know so that your completion can be noted in the system for DC.

Q: The teacher cannot access the Kite platform from the website?

A: The Kite Educator Portal is a web site that the test administrators and test coordinators would access. The Kite Student Portal is a testing platform that must be downloaded onto the testing machines that will be used to test the students. The download for Kite Student Portal and the instructions on how to do so can be found on the following page: <https://dynamiclearningmaps.org/kite>.

Q: I assigned my science teacher to DLM but they cannot open Kite

A: If your science teacher cannot access the Educator Portal web site, they will need to make sure that they have received and used the activation link that was emailed to them. If they are having trouble accessing the Student Portal, only the student's system assigned username and password will work there. The educator's login will not be used on the Student Portal testing platform.

Q: How and when should we register our students?

A: Students can be enrolled in the system starting now. All steps to do so are located in the Data Management Manual on DC's DLM website, at dynamiclearningmaps.org/district-of-columbia. Students must be enrolled in the system, rostered to the test administrator, and have a complete First Contact survey and PNP Profile for spring testing to begin, so it is advisable to get the students into the system in the near future.

Q: When is the deadline for registering students?

A: There is no hard and fast deadline, but students must be enrolled in the system before they can be rostered to a test administrator, and rostering must occur before the test administrator can complete the First Contact Survey and PNP settings necessary for students to begin testing. As such, it is important to get your students into the system soon. Teachers will begin their trainings on Friday 2/15 and will be eager to begin the work they will have to do in the system

Q: You mentioned the work that teachers will begin doing in the system. To what work are you referring?

A: Completing First Contact Surveys for all of their students, completing PNP Profile settings for students who need accessibility supports, verifying the students on their rosters are correct, and accessing testing information including Testlet Information Pages and student logins.

Q: Is the training for teachers in house and conducted by test coordinators or is the training online?

A: Required Test Administrator Training is available in an online self-directed format or a facilitated format. If your school or LEA wishes to host a facilitated version, you may do so. Additionally, there is an onsite facilitated version already scheduled for next Friday, 2/15 at the OSSE offices. Please contact Daniel Alcazar-Roman for more information if you are interested in having your teachers attend that session.

Q: When will the Kite Student Portal be available on student computers?

A: Student Portal can be downloaded directly from dynamiclearningmaps.org. If your school has not yet begun installing the platform, you should contact your technology personnel to begin that process.