Verifying School, District, Teacher, and Student Data:

As we prepare for the NDAA spring operational window to open, it is important to check the accuracy of data in the DLM system. Accuracy will allow the system to deliver the correct testlets to student as well as generate accurate reports at the end of the testing window.

Below are links for two short video clips on how to verify student data (:69 seconds) and rosters (:50 seconds). You may also access step by step directions in the Data Management Manual starting on page 122.

Verify Student Data
Verify Student Rosters

*Please verify district, school, teacher and student (grade, student ID) data as soon as possible.

What to Expect for the Spring testing window:

Starting March 11, 2019, the NDAA-DLM system automatically will select five testlets in English language arts and five testlets in mathematics for each student. The test delivery system determines which EEs, linkage levels, and assessments are delivered. The educator cannot override linkage levels or EEs during the spring operational window.

Assuming the student has completed enough instructionally embedded assessments during the year to meet the full blueprint requirements for their grade and subjects, all testlets assigned during the spring window will be from the pool of EEs originally chosen by the educator during the instructionally embedded phase which runs from September 19, 2018 - February 27, 2019. The spring testlets may be at the same linkage level as the instructionally embedded testlets, or they may be at a different linkage level, depending on the student’s performance on testlets during the instructionally embedded window.

Sometimes a student begins the spring testing window without having met all blueprint requirements during instructionally embedded assessment. For example, this may occur if a student moves into a school late in the year.

- If the student has met some of the blueprint requirements by the time the spring window opens, the system will assign previously tested EEs where possible and will randomly select EEs in areas where blueprint requirements were not met.
- If the student has not met any of the blueprint requirements by the time the spring window opens, the system will randomly select an EE from each part of the blueprint. This process continues until the student receives five testlets in each subject. The first
testlet’s linkage level will be determined by the First Contact survey. The linkage levels for remaining testlets are determined by the student’s performance on the previous spring testlets.

**Field Testing Items:**

DLM will be field testing items in order to improve and expand on what is available for the future. Some students, after they have completed spring operational testlets in each subject, will receive an extra testlet(s) to complete. The field test testlet may be harder or easier than the last testlet the student completed. If it is too hard for the student, the student or test administrator may leave a response unanswered or choose an option indicating the student did not respond (if available). Field test items will not be scored or used for accountability purposes. There is no penalty to students or teachers for participation or non-participation in the field test.

**Test Administration Time:**

During the spring testing window, estimated total testing time is 60-75 minutes per student in English language arts and 35-50 minutes in mathematics. The testlets may be taken separately across multiple testing sessions as long as they are all completed within the state-specific testing window.

**NDAA Science Reports:**

The NDAA science reports are now available to access and are posted on the [https://ndaa.ddehome.com/](https://ndaa.ddehome.com/) site. There are both school and parent reports for special education units and teachers to access.

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