



February / March Webinars: Click on dates to register.

Date	Time	
	2:00pm	4:00pm
2/12/2015	Technology Requirements	TIDE/Start & Monitor Online Testing/Settings
2/19/2015	TIDE/Start & Monitor Online Testing/Settings	Technology Requirements
3/5/2015	Online Reporting System	Online Reporting System

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We are recommending that each test coordinator register on behalf of the school, and then have key staff view the presentation(s) as a group.

See below for additional training on accommodations and special populations.

Message from the Director (Tool Kit)

The [Vermont Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal](#) now features a new file of resources designed for school leaders. Included are a sample letter for parents, SBAC Fact Sheet, information related to transitioning from NECAP to SBAC, an information sheet for school boards, a list of contacts and resources, a table that compares NECAP and SBAC, and a brief overview of computer adaptive testing. We will be adding information to this file periodically and encourage your suggestions for additional materials that will help you help us roll out our new assessment system. **Michael Hock, Director of Assessments, Michael.hock@state.vt.us / 802-479-1288.**

ELL Teleconferences and Special Population’s Workshops

In response to many field questions regarding Smarter Balanced Assessment Accommodations for English Language Learners, the assessment’s team has put together a training designed to help teachers understand Designated Supports, the ISAAP tool, the old paper and pencil method vs. the new CAT method, along with a question and answer session to address your concerns. Starting this week, there will be six (6) ELL teleconference sessions. Each session is limited to 10 participants. The dates are listed below. Click on the date to register.

- [Wed. 2/18](#)
[3p-4p](#)
- [Thur. 2/19](#)
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- [Fri. 2/20](#)
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- [Tu. 2/24](#)
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- [Wed. 2/25](#)
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- [Wed. 3/4](#)
[3p-4p](#)



Special Populations Workshop: If you would like to schedule a workshop in your area regarding accommodations and Special Populations, please contact Linda Moreno, 802-479-1309 or linda.moreno@state.vt.us.



Why can't I add new students in TIDE? You can, but only after the student’s previous school has deleted the student from their TIDE file. It is not possible to list a student at two schools in TIDE. Attempting to do so will prompt an error message that says “User not authorized.” To resolve this problem we are asking all schools to delete their former students **as soon as possible**. If it is possible to determine a student’s previous school, the process can be expedited by contacting that school and requesting the deletion. If neither of these strategies work, please contact Glenn Bailey at glenn.bailey@state.vt.us /802-479-1305.

For more information or questions please contact Linda Moreno at 802-479-1309 or linda.moreno@state.vt.us.