



March TIDE Webinars: *Click on dates to register.*

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| | 2:00pm | 4:00pm |
| 3/5/2015 | Online Reporting System | Online Reporting System |

February 2015

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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.

ELL Webinars: *(Click on links below to register.)*

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| Tu. 2/24 | Wed. 2/25 | Wed. 3/4 |
| 3p-4p | 3p-4p | 3p-4p (full) |

Special Populations Workshops:

AOE is available to come to your district and conduct a Special Populations training on Accessibility, Accommodations, and English Language Learners. If you would like to host a training in your area, please contact Linda Moreno, linda.moreno@state.vt.us / 802-479-1309.

Independent School Phone Conference: TIDE, Technology, and Q/A

Dates: **Friday, February 27th 11am-12pm & Friday, March 6th 1pm-2pm**

Dial: **1-877-273-4202**. When prompted, enter conference room # **3465078**.

Message from the Director

“First of all, a reminder that your teachers and test administrators must take the Online Testing Teacher certification course in order to open, monitor, and close a testing session. The course only takes about twenty minutes to complete, but it provides all the essentials for running the online test delivery system. The certification course is located [here](#) on the Vermont Smarter Balanced Assessment Portal.

Finally, the two webinars that were offered on February 12 and 19 are now available on the portal. The Technology Requirements presentation can be located in the training resources file under the Technology Coordinators card, and the TIDE presentation can be located in the training resources file under the Test Administrator and Teachers card. Both of those cards are located [here](#).” **Michael Hock, Director of Assessments, michael.hock@state.vt.us / 802-479-1288.**



I have a question, but I'm not sure who to contact at the AOE, or if it can be answered by the VT-Help Desk?

This information is located in the [VT-SBAC Portal](#) in “[Tools for Schools](#)” resource card in the “Smarter Balanced Resources” document. Your Smarter Balanced Team consists of Frank Gerdeman, Michael Hock, Peter Drescher, Glenn Bailey, and Linda Moreno.



Contact the [Help Desk](#) for anything technically related to administering the Smarter Balanced Assessment and the AOE for policy related issues. The Help Desk can assist you with topics such as: testing environment is down or unavailable, user accounts are not available or users are not able to administer tests, loading student data or student settings into the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), appeals functionality in TIDE, preparing for online testing—downloading the secure browser, voice packs, password resets for district and school users, settings not presenting as intended, and test security incidents. The VT-Help Desk is open from 7am-4pm prior to March 17, and 7am-7pm during the testing window (3/17-6/12).

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