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training opportunities!



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Dear Educator Trainer or Coach:

On behalf of the California Department of Education, Educational Testing Service (ETS) and WestEd will conduct a series of in-person professional development opportunities entitled: Interim Assessment Hand Scoring Workshops for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics and Digital Library and Interim Assessment Clinics. Please encourage your LEA CAASPP coordinator to register you and your team using the online form. LEA CAASPP coordinators should complete registration on your behalf.

Interim Assessment Hand Scoring Workshop: Train-the-Trainer (8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

The morning workshop is intended for local educational agency (LEA) teams of educator coaches or trainers. An emphasis will be placed on participants taking the learning back to help teachers understand the value of using the hand scoring process and materials to strengthen the evaluation of student work.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- learn about, practice, discuss, and receive feedback on hand scoring student constructed responses;
- consider the value of teachers using the interim assessments in the classroom (formally and informally); and
- reflect on how to use these materials for local professional learning to strengthen the evaluation of student work and use student results to inform teaching and learning.

Participants who complete the workshop will receive a certificate of completion.

Please note: LEAs may send a team of up to four individuals who will act as coaches or trainers for the LEA. The LEA CAASPP coordinator is responsible for registering all team members (up to four). A maximum of two LEA team members can register for the same content session. The two hand scoring session options are:

- English language arts/literacy
- Mathematics

Digital Library and Interim Assessment Clinic (1:30 to 4:30 p.m.)

The afternoon clinic is intended primarily for LEA CAASPP coordinators, for the purpose of providing current information about the Smarter Balanced Digital Library and Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments. As non-LEA CAASPP coordinator staff, you will be placed on a waiting list and admitted on a first-come, first-served basis if space permits.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn about:

- resources in the Digital Library that support the formative assessment process, professional learning, and instruction;
- resources that link student performance on the Smarter Balanced Interim Assessment Blocks with resources in the Digital Library that provide relevant and useful instructional supports aligned with students' needs;
- the new and revised Interim Assessment Blocks available this school year; and
- features of the new Interim Assessment Reporting System

Attendees are encouraged to bring a computer to access the Digital Library resources, the Interim Assessment Viewing System, and the new Interim Assessment Reporting System.

Please note: Participants must have functioning logins to the Digital Library and to the Test Operations Management System to access these resources.

The dates and locations for the clinics and workshops are as follows:

| Location | Date | Day |
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| Shasta | September 19 | Tuesday |
| Sacramento | September 22 | Friday |
| Concord | September 26 | Tuesday |
| San Diego | October 2 | Monday |
| Fresno | October 4 | Wednesday |
| Riverside | October 10 | Tuesday |
| Irvine | October 12 | Thursday |
| Hayward | October 17 | Tuesday |
| Pasadena | October 24 | Tuesday |
| Ventura | October 26 | Thursday |

Reimbursements:

- Mileage for local travel will be reimbursed (no airfare reimbursement). Reimbursement includes mileage to and from the venue.
- For teachers whose schools are in session, their schools or LEAs will be reimbursed for the cost of a substitute teacher; a \$75 stipend will be provided to teachers who attend the entire clinic or workshop and whose schools are not in session.
- Clinic and workshop attendees will receive an e-mail with a link to the reimbursement forms to submit their travel mileage and expenses within a week after the workshop.

Please note that in order to accept the \$75 stipend for participation in the workshop, you will be required to sign a statement indicating that you are a U.S. citizen, lawful permanent resident, or otherwise in an immigration status that permits you to receive such a stipend.

If you have any questions about either of these training opportunities, please have your LEA CAASPP coordinator contact the California Technical Assistance Center by phone at 800-955-2954 or by e-mail at caltac@ets.org.

Sincerely,

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