

## Components of the Alaska Measures of Progress Testing Program

**Practice Test:** The practice test will be available in the fall of 2014. The focus of the practice test is to give students experience with the online assessment technology. There will be three practice tests: grades 3-5, grade 6-8, and grades 9-10. Each practice test will have traditional item types, such as multiple choice, and items that utilize technology enhanced items, such as dropdown menus or drawing lines. Students, teachers, and members of the community have unlimited access to the practice test.

**Testlets:** The testlets are short, 8-10 item tests available to teachers to use to inform their instruction. These optional, no-stakes assessment tools are designed around instructional targets. The testlets will be available beginning in January of 2015.

**Interim Benchmark Assessment:** The optional interim assessment will be available to districts beginning in the fall of 2015. The purpose of the interim is to provide information on students' progress on grade level standards in English language arts and math. The assessments are given twice per year, in the fall and winter. These assessments will be adaptive and will be scored on the same vertical scale as the summative assessment and will be designed to meet the requirements for the educator evaluation regulations.

**Summative Assessment:** The summative assessment will have two subtests, English language arts and mathematics. Although the assessment is not timed, each subtest will take most students between 90-120 minutes. The summative will be rolled out in two phases. The first two years the assessment will be fixed form. After two years, Alaska will have enough items to have an adaptive assessment. Adaptive assessments provide greater score precision and provides an assessment experience for students that is "a good fit." Items that require keyboarding and listening items will also be phased in.

**2015 Test Window:** The test window for AMP will be March 30-May 1. The Department of Education & Early Development (EED) has provided direction to districts regarding grade-level scheduling for the 5-week window. The paper/pencil science test will be administered March 30 – April 10. The paper/pencil AMP for approved schools will be administered April 13-24.

**Scoring:** Students will receive scores from 1-4, with 1 being the lowest score and 4 being the highest. The score of 3 is the "meets standard" score. The descriptions of the scores are being developed.

**Technology:** Most students will take the online assessment. EED and the Achievement & Assessment Institute (AAI) will work with schools in the summer and fall of 2014 to assist them in getting ready for the online delivery. AMP is administered using a test delivery engine called KITE. It can be installed on desktops, laptops, and tablets. Once opened it shuts down all other applications on the device, making the test administration secure. In addition, AMP utilizes a local caching service (LCS). A LCS is an application that is loaded onto a laptop or desktop; the LCS enables testing to continue if there is minimal bandwidth.

**Educator Involvement:** Educators will be involved in the development of many aspects of AMP. Currently we are planning passage writing workshops, bias/sensitivity item reviews, content reviews, high school content designation, and standard setting committees. Many of these activities will utilize technology, allowing teachers in remote villages to participate. EED will provide both online and in-person training for educators. We are currently working with AAI to determine the most effective and economical rollout plan

**Information for families and communities:** EED is working with AAI to develop a variety of materials and other methods to communicate to students, families, and communities about the new assessment.

# Assessment Activities Timeline (2014-15)

- June and July 2014: Passage Writing Workshops, Juneau (6/23-27) and Fairbanks (7/14-18)
- July 2014: Practice Test item remote-review (bias and sensitivity)
- Fall 2014: Practice Test available; will be available throughout year
- Fall 2014: Item reviews with Alaskan Educators begin; ongoing
- Fall 2014: AMP rollout activities begin; ongoing
- January 2015: Testlets available
- January/February 2015 (date TBD): District Test Coordinator Testing
- March 30 – May 1 2015: AMP online test window
- June 29 – July 2 2015: Standard Setting for 2015 assessment



## Assessment Development Timeline

