

January 9, 2019 DTC Webinar Topic submission

Science

Q: Can we have an update on the science test, availability of Spanish version for both the test and practice.

- English version of the Science Sample Test is already available.
- Spanish version of the Science Sample Test will be available 1/31/19.
- All summative science tests will be available 2/6/19, with the exception of Braille, which will be available 2/8/19

Q: Any update on scoring for science and when passing scores will be set

- Standard Setting for scoring will occur summer 2019. Once those scores are approved by the State Board, we will be able to communicate that information to DTCs.

Sharespace Topic:

Q: I would appreciate hearing from other districts regarding the module training. Do districts rely on staff to view modules and note questions individually for clarification later or do they view as a group so the STC/DTC know that viewing has taken place?

- We as a group watch the video's and do questions after each one...I have them watch all the video's except ELPA those are done by only two people in our district. We then have an additional question and answer time, which generates lots of questions. I then give them an assessment test, which is what is used when you train us DTC's. Then they have time to start reading and going over the manuals at that time. Our training is a 3 hour opportunity for the training. If additional time for reading is necessary, then it is done in their individual buildings. I do not accept any assurance forms on training day because of the need to read the required materials. I also have all staff sign in and sign out on that training day, it is required. If staff are missing then the training is then the responsibility of the STC and they are required to do sign in and out sheets as well at their building level and turn them into me. Once they have completed all training requirements then they are signing the assurance forms and sending them in at that time. I hope this helps give some helpful hints to others.
- For the last two years, I conducted whole group staff TA training, where we view and discuss the modules as a group. Staff have a Study Guide, similar to the DTC Survey, they complete throughout the training. Then, they sign the TA Assurance Form at that time. This year, I'm trying something new to alleviate the boredom with the training modules and whole group instruction. We still meet together as a group, but staff work in partners, or individually if preferred, to review the modules on their own. I prefer the partner work to allow for collaborative conversations. Then, I give an assessment using KaHoot, as a final

way to discuss and assess staff understanding of the TA requirements. I will issue the TA Assurance forms at the end of the training. This is how I conducted the STC training, and the first of the TA trainings will occur next week.

- In PPS we provide the TA training in two platforms. The first is online. We have a district online PD platform for trainings. This system tracks who has completed the training. The other platform is an in- person with the STC. To track and ensure training we do not have anyone, including STC's, view modules on their own.