

Questions and Answers from 1/19 & 1/20 Webinars

Listening Passages/Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)

1. How do we access the audio clips to be used with paper-based practice tests?
 - To practice with the listening items for paper-based practice tests, students will access the audio passages in the applicable grade-level/subject computer-based practice test. Instructions are available in this document: [Accessing Listening Items on FSA ELA Reading Paper-Based Practice Tests](#).
2. Will 3rd grade reading have a listening component this year?
 - No, Grade 3 ELA Reading, administered on paper, does not have a listening component this year.
3. Is AVA a downloadable client application or a weblink?
 - The Assessment Viewing Application (AVA) is a website test administrators will log in to in order to play the audio clips associated with listening passages for students with paper-based accommodations.
4. Will homebound students be expected to complete the new listening sections?
 - Yes, all students are expected to be able to access the listening items.
5. To clarify, paper-based testers must have access to a device for listening components, right?
 - Correct. Ideally, all students would have access to their own device so that they may listen to the audio passages as they get to them in the test and can return and replay the audio clip as many times as necessary to answer the associated questions.
6. Do we have an ETA for when we will get more information on the Assessment Viewing Application (AVA)?
 - In the next few weeks, we will provide additional guidance for administering paper-based tests with listening items and will also provide the AVA User Guide with instructions for test administrators to access the system and play audio clips for students.
7. What timeframe during the paper-based test will the listening items be offered? (Example, during the first few questions of the test, the last few questions of the test, or mixed in randomly?)
 - We will be able to provide the session in which the listening passages will be located but cannot provide the exact position in the test.

TIDE and Rosters

1. Will the students loaded into TIDE for the Fall/Winter administrations still be seen in TIDE during the Spring administration, or have those students been cleared out?
 - When in the Rosters area, all students loaded into TIDE at any point during the 2015–2016 school year are available to be added to a Roster. It's **imperative** that schools check the Student Information > View/Edit Students area to ensure students have been added to the current administration.
2. When creating rosters, how can you tell which administration the students are in?
 - At this time, there are no administration designations in the Rosters area. If your district used the Class Code field during the PreID upload and chose to include an administration designation, that information would be available for PreID Rosters.
3. Will we ever be able to export all students (including accommodation info) from TIDE?
 - That feature is not currently available in TIDE, nor are there plans to include this option this school year.
4. If you "re-open a test" do you then have to "re-open a test session" to get to the correct session?
 - Upon processing a "re-open a test" request, students will be brought back to the last session of the test. Districts will only need to process a "re-open a test session" request after re-opening the test if a student needs to return to a session before the last session.
5. Will we be able to sort in TIDE by EOC (Algebra 1, 2, and Geometry)?
 - Not unless you have included this information in the Class Code Field. Test Indicator is not currently a sortable field in the Student Information area.
6. Will the rosters/administration issue be resolved by the Writing administration?
 - Not that we are aware of. As we receive more information from AIR, we will pass that onto districts.

Practice Tests

1. Requesting clarification regarding paper-based practice tests: The notes under slide 22 state that the scripts and directions for completing test items handouts may be used "in connection with the paper-based practice test but are not required to do so." I thought it was the paper-based practice tests that were optional because of the amount of printing the practice tests require. I read this as saying that the additional materials are optional, not the practice tests.

- The Directions Handouts are the required component for the paper-based test item practice session, to be used with the applicable scripts available in the FSA Portal. The paper-based practice tests are not required.
2. Will large print practice be automatically ordered for those name we already sent in?
 - Large print and braille practice test materials are not automatically ordered for students included in your PreID file. Districts must place an additional order for these materials in TIDE under the Large Print and Braille Practice Test Materials administration.
 3. Should students take a practice test for ELA and Mathematics or EOC to be sure they are familiar with tools in both tests?
 - Yes, a computer-based practice test is required for all grade-levels and subjects.

Miscellaneous

1. Are all of the changes/updates listed in this PPT in the manuals that have been posted, or will updates need to be done to those manuals?
 - All additional information not included in the manuals for spring will be available in updated user guides or in supplemental information provided by our office (e.g., AVA User Guide).
2. If a test is wrongly put in Not to be Scored box, AIR will not be doing what Pearson did and checking with us tests that look like they should be scored?
 - Correct. If a test is put into a Not to be Scored box, it will not be processed. That test may be retrieved during the Score Inquiry process and included in late reporting.