

SBAC Update #4

Principals,

This is the next in a series of brief SBAC Updates that will be sent out periodically.

- The students to be tested include grade 11 students at selected sites only (Golden West, Mt Whitney, Sequoia & VTEC), along with all students in grades 3 through 8. Within that group, the only students who are NOT to be tested include:
 - Students taking the CAPA
 - Those in US Schools less than 12 months do not take the ELA test, but DO take the math test
 - Parent exempt students
- Following our orientation discussion, sites have begun developing drafts of a testing schedule. Four examples reflecting some possible considerations are attached. Any schedules sent to me can be collected and redistributed/posted as additional examples. The SBAC recommended order of testing is:
 - Non-performance task assessment (different day than performance task)
 - Classroom activity (CA) component of performance task (must be prior to computer-based performance task)
 - Computer-based performance task (PT)
- The terminology of “*Universal Tools, Designated Supports & Accommodations*,” replaces “*Variations, Accommodations and Modifications*.” Our efforts include uploading these allowances into the SBAC system for each student. Sites will need to check the accuracy of these allowances prior to the student beginning their test, since corrections for some of these will not be allowed after they begin. Here are the categories:
 - Universal Tools – allowed to everyone
 - Designated Supports – agreed upon by adults as needed by student
 - Accommodations – requires an IEP or 504
- These updates are archived on our webpage at <http://vusd.org/Departments.cfm?subpage=33062>

Please reply with any question you might have since this will help in formulating an FAQ bank that I can make available.

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