US Government District Common Assessment (DCA)

Overview

September 2022

Continuing this year, all US Government and AP Government students will take the US Government **D**istrict **C**ommon **A**ssessment. The assessment has been created to serve two different but connected purposes.

The DCA allows us to measure student mastery of the Essential Course Outcomes (ECOs) found in the current US Government Curriculum document. Additionally, it will allow us to meet the expectations of the Missouri Graduation Requirements which states:

> "*.. a student must satisfactorily pass a test or tests on the provisions and principles of the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions…. The design, content and passing criteria for the test(s) are at the discretion of local school districts.*"

Test Overview:

The test was created and subsequently reviewed by a committee of US Government Teachers representing each high school. All of the test questions are aligned to the ECOs and match specific standard components found in the units of the course. There are a total of fifty test questions organized into three different sections on the test:

1. Foundations of Government - 18 Test Items
2. United States Constitution - 20 Test Items
3. Missouri Constitution- 12 Test Items

Two test blueprints, one for teachers and one for student use, have been developed to assist you in preparing students for the DCA. The blueprints align with the US Government Units and major and supporting standards in those units. AP Government teachers and students will also be able to prepare for this test using the blueprints.

Test Administration:

There are two tests available for this year:

- 2022-2023 RSD HS US Government DCA
- 2021-2022 RSD HS US Government REASSESSMENT (For use to reassess only during both semesters)

Each test is designed to be administered using the online version only of Mastery Manager. Each teacher will be assigned unique class codes and will receive directions for how to activate those codes for each class. Students will use the *examlogin.com* secure link found on the Social Studies Chromebooks or, *examlogin.com* if other computers are used for test administration. (If test accommodations for a specific student require a print copy, teachers should first contact the Social Studies Facilitator and the Building Test Coordinator for directions.)

A testing window for the DCA will be open for approximately one month near the end of the semester. Teachers may elect to give the test anytime within that testing window. The window will remain open into early next semester to accommodate any absences or necessary retakes of the test.

Passing Score for Graduation Requirements and Retakes:

In order to meet the Missouri Graduation Requirements, a student must pass the overall test with a score of 60% or higher. Students who score 59% or below will need to take a reassessment of the test. Teachers will use the *Teacher Test Review* feature on Mastery Manager to determine the test sections or standards a student needs additional opportunities to master. (Directions provided.)

Test Reassessment:

Prior to a reassessment of the test, students will have the opportunity to use the *Review Test* option on Mastery Manager and receive the following feedback:

- **Score**- Response for each question and whether it is correct or incorrect by section
- **Standards**-See what questions were tied to each standard
- **Questions**-See each question, answer choices, and answer chosen. *It will NOT tell the correct answer.* This feature will only be available on the REASSESSMENT Version of the test.**]**

Once a student has the opportunity to review and master the missed standards/sections, the teacher will assign the REASSESSMENT version of the test.

Additional Reassessments: For the students in need of additional opportunities to pass the test, they will return to the REASSESSMENT test and use the *Review Test* option to receive test feedback, this time including the test questions.

Teacher will send the name of the student and section number to the Social Studies Coordinator *at least four school days prior to the additional reassessment date.* The test will be reopened to allow the student to return to the REASSESSMENT version and make changes to their original answers. **Data Analysts** also have the usage rights to reopen a test if needed to expedite the process.