

AZELLA Revision Update

PELL Meeting

September 30, 3011

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ELP STANDARDS REVISED

- Educators were selected from all over Arizona to serve on English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards revision of Performance Indicators.
- Stage-specific standards were delineated at the skill level by Arizona educators.

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TEST STRUCTURE DEVELOPED

- Gap analysis informs where we need new items
- Instructional v. assessment performance indicators determined (*educator committee*)
- AZELLA test blueprints & item specifications drafted

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TEST ITEMS DEVELOPED

- Reading passages were developed
- Reading, writing, listening and speaking items were developed. (*educator committee*)
- Passages and items were reviewed for content, bias, and cultural sensitivity. (*educator committee*)

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Fall 2011 FIELD TEST FORMS DEVELOPED

- Field test items were selected
- Test administration directions developed
- Sampling plan developed

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Fall 2011 ITEM FIELD TEST ADMINISTERED

- Districts notified (*Pearson contact & Supt.*)
- Materials and labels arrive by Nov. 2
(no ordering needed)
- **Test window Nov. 7 – Dec. 2**

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WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN FALL 2011 ITEM FIELD TEST?

- 313 School Districts and Charter Holders
- All ELLs at selected Stages at each site
 - Stage I = Kindergarten,
 - Stage II = Grades 1-2
 - Stage III = Grades 3-5
 - Stage IV = Grades 6-8
 - Stage V = High School
- Selected NON-ELLs at selected Stages

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MANDATORY TRAINNING

- Every participating district must ensure that their official AZELLA appointee attends training
- Training will be via webinar and in person
- Registration will on the OELAS webpage

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WHAT IS DIFFERENT??

- 4 forms used for Field Test (J, K, L, M)
- **Speaking test is administered over the telephone (*about 30 min per student*)**
- No hand scoring
- No test results will be reported

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WHAT IS AHEAD??

- The test company's research department reviews the statistics of the items selected to ensure the quality, validity, and reliability of the AZELLA assessment.
- Items will be chosen for the Spring 2012 Field test (tentative dates)

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WHAT IS AHEAD??

- Cut scores established through the standard-setting process.
- Test will be operational in 2012 – 2013.
- Additional forms

AZELLA Reports Focus Group

ADE would like YOUR input as we design the new AZELLA score reports.

- Is there a classroom report you would love to have?
 - School report?
 - District report?
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- Provide your contact info to Micky Gutier or email Marlene Johnston Marlene.Johnston@azed.gov

We will likely meet in October.