



Guidelines for New/Updated Standards and First-Time TSA Testing

1. For a 2-year (or 3-year) **NEW PROGRAM** with new standards:
 - Teachers have 2 (or 3) years to teach the new standards before the TSA is available.
 - Spring of the second (or third) year is the ideal time for students to take the TSA.
 - During the second (or third) year, assessment items will be developed. A minimum of 100 items are needed to offer the TSA.
 2. For a 2-year (or 3-year) **EXISTING PROGRAM** with *50% or more new/updated standards*:
 - Students should have 2 years to complete the program standards they started with and to take the TSA related to those standards.
 - Teachers should have 2 years to teach the new/updated standards before students take the TSA for the new/updated standards.
 - During the 2 years, assessment items will be realigned and developed for the new/updated standards.
 - First-time testing for new/updated standards would ideally be spring of the second (or third) year.
- NOTE: This policy gives teachers adequate time to teach the new/updated standards before students are tested on the content of the new/updated standards.
3. For a 2-year (or 3-year) program with less than 50% new/updated standards, there is no gap in testing the standards, that is testing would resume the next testing cycle.
 4. Changing the program name in the TSA system: If the program name changes but the standards do not, the program name changes the next testing cycle. If the program name changes and the standards are new/updated, the new name changes when first-time testing for the program and its new standards is scheduled.

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