

## UPDATES

**JANUARY 10, 2017**

### **UPGRADE APPLE MOBILE DEVICES BY JANUARY 31, 2017**

Apple recently released a new operating system. After January 31, 2017, schools using iOS 10.0 and 10.1 on their Apple mobile devices will no longer be able to access summative and interim assessments unless they upgrade to iOS version 10.2.

Although users of supported iOS operating system versions 8.0–8.2, 9.2 and 9.3 will be able to access tests, it is recommended that all testing devices be upgraded to 10.2.

Schools should make sure that all Apple mobile devices used to administer CAASPP assessments for English language arts/literacy, mathematics, and science have a supported operating system loaded. For additional information, go to <http://ca.browsers.airast.org/>. For technical assistance, please contact the ITD Helpdesk at 213-241-5200.

### **CAASPP SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENTS COORDINATOR TRAININGS**

CAASPP regulations require that CAASPP Test Site Coordinators be trained on all test administration procedures and test security guidelines before CAASPP tests are administered at each school. The Student Testing Branch will be conducting several face-to-face trainings for CAASPP coordinators in January and early February 2017. Trainings are required to maintain 2016-17 TOMS accounts active for spring 2017 testing.

Each Local District has scheduled their own trainings and CAASPP Coordinators should plan to attend the training scheduled for their Local District.

Because the California Alternate Assessment (CAA) Test Examiner Tutorial is not yet available, the CAA training will be conducted separately in late February/early March 2017. Dates, times and locations for the upcoming CAA Coordinator Trainings are forthcoming.

### **CAASPP PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTERS**

Each year schools are required to notify parents or guardians of their child's participation in the CAASPP assessment system. The notification to parents/guardians must include a notice of the right of the parent/guardian to excuse his/her child from any or all parts of any test. If a parent or guardian submits an exemption request after testing has begun, any test(s) completed before the request is submitted will be scored and the results reported to the parent or guardian and included in the pupil's records.

The Student Testing Branch prepares letter templates for schools to use to notify parents. The [English Letter Template](#) is now available on the Student Testing Branch Website, in the Coordinator Resources page. Other languages will be available by the end of January 2017.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

[REF-6420.2](#), LAUSD Accessibility/Accommodations Guidelines

[REF-6431.2](#), ISAAP Tool for 2017 Smarter Balanced Assessments

[REF-6656.1](#), 2016-17 State and National Testing Calendars

REF-6797, Initial and Annual CELDT Results (*forthcoming*)

[REF-6808](#), CAASPP Coordinator Differential

REF-6810, CAASPP Summative Assessment Coordinator Training (*forthcoming*)

### **TESTING UPDATES ARCHIVE**

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