

SED Update September 2013

Assessment

PARCC [field testing](#) requests have been made to selected schools. Districts can refuse, accept, or request a different assignment. PARCC is seeking as many as 600 schools in New York to participate.

This fall the Board of Regents is supposed to make a decision about PARCC – both its timing and implementation. Neither the implementation nor timing is certain at this point.

APPR

Most districts were able to meet the September 1st deadline (with lots of scrambling).

Parent notification [processes](#) for the provision of teacher and principal APPR scores were developed regionally; most districts are employing a process like it. Requests are made in writing; most districts provide information in writing but approx. 30% provide the information verbally.

The public release of growth scores won't take place any sooner than December (and could be later). Only aggregated data will be available via a web-based system. The minimum n will be five, meaning that any aggregation of data less than five will be suppressed. For our schools and districts, it means many scores, perhaps most, will not be available to the public.

Academic Intervention Services

The Board of Regents approved the [revision](#) of the AIS rules.

Curriculum

The ELA modules that include science content are *not* science instruction. The ELA modules that include science content are *not* science instruction (sic). Teachers should continue to teach science. There was a misstatement at one of the Network Team Institutes that has been misinterpreted and led to decisions about science instruction that are not in compliance with regulation.

The secondary math modules have not been published according to their announced (and the revised) [schedule](#). The only explanation is that they just aren't ready. The chart now indicates when revisions are made so you can follow the changes. Additional A1 modules were just released.

The research graduation requirement was not decided at the September Board of Regents meeting. Signs are that this will be a graduation requirement rather than an 11th Grade Regents requirement (like the lab requirement in science).

McKinney-Vento

SED has [announced](#) that they are requiring attendance at a regional meeting *or* in a webinar. The closest [session](#) is in Syracuse on December 12th, 8a - 1p. There are [webinars](#) that focus on different topics that are available on different days.