**SED Update**

**November 2019**

**Updated 11/5/19**

**Supporting All Students: Resource Guides for Scaffolding Instruction of English Language Arts and Mathematics**

Resource guides aimed to provide teachers with examples of scaffolds and strategies to supplement their instruction of English Language Arts (ELA) and mathematics curricula were designed through collaboration between the New York State Education Department (NYSED) and partners in the field.

* Their purpose is to give teachers ideas on how they can supplement their instruction when teaching students who need additional support to learn academic content and be successful in meeting grade-level expectations.
* The guides use lessons from the EngageNY ELA and mathematics curricula modules as exemplars since this is a free and open source curriculum available for all New York State educators.
* The scaffolds in these guides can be adapted for use in any lesson and across content areas and are intended to be customized in any lesson teachers deem appropriate to best meet the needs of their students.
* More information can be found on the NYSED’s Supporting All Students Resource Guides webpage at <http://www.nysed.gov/curriculum-instruction/supporting-all-students-resource-guides-scaffolding-instruction-english>.
* Questions can be directed to the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at (518) 474-5922 or [EMSCURRIC@nysed.gov](mailto:EMSCURRIC@nysed.gov).

**2018-19 Student Growth Accountability Report Refresh**

The Student Growth Accountability Report (SIRS 112) will be refreshed on or around October 28, 2019.

* The Department is refreshing the report to correct a technical error related to the inclusion of former English Language Learner and former Students with Disabilities in growth measures for Accountability purposes.
* For questions, contact [accountinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:accountinfo@nysed.gov) and specify “Student Growth Refresh” in the subject line of your email.

**The New York State (NYS) Department of Health and Education Department (NYSED) issued** [Additional Frequently Asked Questions About School Vaccination Requirements](https://health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school_vaccines/docs/2019-10_vaccination_requirements_faq.pdf) on October 4,2019. You can find a copy of the updated document at [**https://health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school\_vaccines/docs/2019-10\_vaccination\_requirements\_faq.pdf**](https://health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools/school_vaccines/docs/2019-10_vaccination_requirements_faq.pdf)

**Information from the NYS Library**

To help with classroom work and homework, the New York State Library and libraries statewide provide the following free online resources and library materials for all students, teachers and families.

* **24/7 New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELNY)**  available at <http://novelnewyork.org/>
* **School Library System E-Resources** available at [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/slssap/ slslinks.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/slssap/%20slslinks.htm)
* **Free Materials for Students with a Reading or Print Disability –** Free digital talking books or braille books are available for loan through  the New York State Library at <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/tbbl/> or The New York Public Library at [https://www.nypl.org/ locations/heiskell](https://www.nypl.org/%20locations/heiskell). A large collection of digital talking books and magazines for all ages is also available for downloading to any computer or mobile device.
* **Early Literacy Resources –** The State Library’s early literacy program *Ready to Read at New York Libraries* includes the *DayByDayNY Family Literacy Calendar* at [www.DayByDayNY.org](http://www.DayByDayNY.org). A Spanish version of DayByDayNY is also available at [www.DayByDayNYsp.org](http://www.DayByDayNYsp.org).

For more information on any of these programs or services and how they can benefit your schools, please contact Sharon Phillips, Youth Services Program Manager at the State Library’s Division of Library Development, New York State Library at [Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov](mailto:Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov).

**Updated 2019-20 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule is posted**

An updated 2019-20 Elementary- and Intermediate-level Testing Schedule has been posted at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/assessment/schedules/2020/ei-testingschedule-20rev2.pdf> .

* This update includes two changes from the one previously posted; NYSESLAT speaking assessment dates have been updated to extend the window by one week and stand-alone field test dates have now been added.

o Questions may be directed to Office of State Assessment, at 518-474-5902 or [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov)

**New York State Alternate Assessment (NYSAA) Student Learning Profile Report**

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) is pleased to announce the release of Student Learning Profile Reports for students who participated in the Spring 2019 NYSAA in English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics and science. The NYSAA measures student knowledge of the Essential Elements in the areas of ELA, mathematics and science. The Essential Elements are alternate achievement standards that are reduced in depth, breadth, and complexity from the learning standards and have been adopted by New York State for our students with the most severe cognitive disabilities.

* The Student Learning Profile describes the skills, as they relate to each Essential Element, that were included in the assessment and how the student’s mastery of these skills compares to alternate achievement grade-level expectations. It provides one piece of evidence to help inform instruction of NYSAA students and helps to build a bridge between the alternate achievement standards, the State assessment and instruction.
* The Student Learning Profiles will be distributed electronically the week of September 9, 2019.  Additional information on distribution is available at [cbtsupport.nysed.gov](file:///C:\Users\mschneid\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\BPR9MFXY\cbtsupport.nysed.gov) under the NYSAA\Announcements section.
* Questions regarding the Student Learning Profile Report may be directed to the Office of State Assessment, at 518-474-5902 or [emscassessinfo@nysed.gov](mailto:emscassessinfo@nysed.gov).

**P-3 Professional Learning Opportunities**

NYSED’s Office of Early Learning is offering a professional learning series for P-3 educators, instructional coaches, and administrators.

* All sessions will provide practical educational strategies that teachers can use in their classrooms the next day.
* The sessions will take place **November 5 from 4:30-7:30** and **December 5, from 8:00-3:00** at WMHT in Troy, NY.
* View details about the P-3 professional learning sessions and register on NYSED Early Learning website or register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/december-professional-learning-seminar-tickets-71510001339>

**OSE Listserv**

You can receive **notification** by electronic mail of the latest **memoranda and other technical assistance documents** available on the Special Education website at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/register.htm>

**NYS Education Department Office of Special Education**

**Special Education Quality Assurance**

**Central Regional Office**

**333 East Washington Street, Suite 210, Syracuse, New York 13202**

**(315) 428-4556 Office (315) 428-4555 Fax**

**Special Education Website – http://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/**