Kansas Assessment Program

Test Coordinator Training

September 17, 2024



Agenda Topics

- KAP Updates
 - Text to Speech (TTS) Changes for 2024-25
 - PNP and TTS Demo
- KELPA
 - KELPA Screener Reminders
- Kite[®] Technology updates
 - Documentation refresh
 - Instructional Mini Tests
- Dynamic Learning Maps[®] (DLM[®]) updates
 - ACT information



Welcome KAP Test Coordinators!

Trainers for today's webinar:

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2024-25 Test Coordinator Training Webinars

All webinars are conducted online via Zoom. A link to the webinar recordings, a PDF of the slide deck, and any additional resources can be found on the KAP website's <u>DTC Training page</u>.

2024-25 Webinar Dates				
August 20, 2024	January 21, 2025			
September 17, 2024	February 18, 2025			
October 15, 2024	March 11, 2025			
November 19, 2024	April 15, 2025			
December 17, 2024	May 20, 2025			



Reminders









2024-25 Kansas Assessment Program Overview Calendar Are you a new DTC? Contact Chelsea Pelfrey at cpelfrey@ksde.org

Kite Parent Portal Emails must be added for the new school year



Security and Ethics Training



All District Test Coordinators must complete training Security and Ethics Training held by KSDE**, and train staff before testing.**



All "in-district" training must be completed by **January 7**, **2025**, for anyone administering a **KELPA** assessment.



All "in-district" training must be completed by March 14, 2025, for anyone administering a KAP assessment in ELA, Math, and/or Science, plus cPass.



BTC/DTC Regional Trainings

The following table shows the dates for all for BTC/DTC regional trainings scheduled for the 2024-25 school year. Training sessions will take place from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Click the link in the table below for more information and to register at a specific training location.

Regional Training Date	Location		
September 16 (Monday)	<u>Greenbush - Lawrence</u>		
September 26 (Thursday) - FULL	ESSDACK - Hutchinson		
September 27 (Friday)	<u>Smoky Hills - Salina</u>		
October 10 (Thursday)	<u>Greenbush – Girard</u>		
October 18 (Friday)	<u>Orion - Clearwater</u>		
November 13 (Wednesday)	<u>SWPESC – Sublette</u>		
November 14 (Thursday)	<u>NKESC - Oakley</u>		
MAKEUP DATE December 4 (Wednesday)	Bishop Learning Center - Topeka		
MAKEUP DATE January 15 (Wednesday)	Bishop Learning Center - Topeka		

September Timeline

Date	Reminder		
3	Submit TASC records for Instructional Mini Tests and Interims.		
3	Instructional Mini Tests available for ELA, Math, and Science		
9	DLM Test administrators complete First Contact Surveys and enter PNPs. First Contact survey must be submitted prior to creating instructional plans.		
9	DLM Instruction and Assessment Planner opens. Teachers must enter instructional plans for ELA and Math for each student. Teachers provide instruction on the EE and assess when the student is ready. Blueprint coverage must be completed by December 20.		
9	Order materials for PreACT 8/9. Deadline October 18.		
30	PreAct 8/9 opens for grade 9 students. Closes November 8.		



October Timeline

Date	Reminder		
2	WorkKeys paper administration for Fall Window 1.		
2	WorkKeys Online Testing for Fall Window 1 & 2 opens. Closes Nov. 12.		
2	WorkKeys with accommodations Fall Window 1: Oct 2-4, 7-11, & 14.		
14	14 Fall Interim Assessment window opens. Closes November 1.		
15	DTC/BTC Virtual Training Webinar at 1:00 pm.		



KAP Updates



Kansas Assessment Program



Text to Speech Changes for 2024-25

Student Personal Needs Profile (PNP)

- All text to speech accommodations previously marked in Kite will be removed for the upcoming school year.
- New guidance for TTS.

TTS will be available for Science and Math for all students.

• This is now a universal feature.



3-Tier Accessibility Framework





What's Changing

Universal Tier 1 All students will have access to TTS for math summative assessment.

Accommodation Tier 3 Students on an IEP, 504 plan, or ILP. Limit the grade levels from all grades to 6-8 and 10 for TTS ELA questions and responses.

Accommodation Tier 3

Approval required for TTS ELA passages and explanation of graphics. Includes all grade levels with IEP or 504.



Why Change?

- Our current text to speech guidelines do not align with our state mission/vision.
 - 3rd-5th grade focus on learning to read
 - Decoding standards in 3rd-5th grade
 - Every Child Can Read Act
- We want to provide the most appropriate accommodation needed and current guidelines automatically assign highest level accommodation according to disability and not need.



TTS Research (NCEO)

What are the research findings on who should use this accommodation?

- Not all students benefit from TTS
- Policies should target the small number of students who may benefit from this accommodation.
- Students with print disabilities may see the most benefit
 - Reading-related learning disabilities
 - Visual impairments



TTS Resources



- Fact Sheet Text-to-Speech (TTS)
 - Available from the KSDE website and the KAP website
- <u>Text-to-Speech for Passages and Graphics Application</u> (ksde.org)



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Text to Speech Options

Questions & Responses (ELA)	Passages & Graphics – [Requires KSDE approval]
• For students in Grades 6-8 and 10.	 For students with and IEP or 504 plan in all grades and subjects
 Synthetic voice reads guestions and 	
responses only, NOT PASSAGES.	Synthetic voice reads detailed descriptions of visual elements
• Students must have an IEP, 504 plan, or ILP	
that states they must have questions and responses read aloud.	Synthetic voice reads ELA passages
	 Must be approved by KSDE
 This is for ELA only. Math and Science automatically include TTS on all test content. 	• Application due by January 31.



PNP Profile Demo

- Manual PNP Changes
- Upload PNP with Excel spreadsheet
- On the PNP upload
 - Questions & Responses (ELA) = Text and Graphics
 - Passages and Graphics = Nonvisual

Summary Accommodations Designated Sup	ports Universal F	eatures	
Embedded		Non-Embedded	
(Included in the Kite Student Portal)		(Outside of the Kite Student Portal)	
Iool Name:	Status:	Iool Name:	Status:
American Sign Language (ASL)	On On	ASL Interpreter	Off
American Sign Language		Braille Form	Off
Keyword Translation	Off	Scribe	Off
Single Switch	Off	Specialized Calculator	
Text to Speech	On		
Questions & Responses (ELA)			
Passages & Graphics			



TTS Demonstration in Kite

Demo the difference between:
 Question and Responses
 Passages and Graphics



TTS – Example Science Item

Universal Support

- "Using Figure 1, select the words that explain whether Habitat B was a success."
- "Habitat B is an example of a, Select from the following options, negative. Neutral. Positive. Human impact on bird diversity in the area because the data shows that the sanctuary, Select from the following options, decreases survival. Supports more species. Results in less predation. Helps new species evolve."

Passage and Graphic

- "Using Figure 1, select the words that explain whether Habitat B was a success."
- There are two drop-down menus to complete a sentence. Habitat B is an example of a, first drop-down menu with three options, the words, negative. Neutral. Positive. Human impact on bird diversity in the area because the data shows that the sanctuary, second drop-down menu with four options, the phrases, decreases survival. Supports more species. Results in less predation. Helps new species evolve."



Using Figure 1, select the words that explain whether Habitat B was a success. Habitat B is an example of a Select v human impact on bird diversity in the				
area because the data shows that the sanctuary	Select ~			
	Select			
	decreases survival.			
	supports more species.			
	results in less predation.			
	helps new species evolve.			



Questions?

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Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment



KELPA Screener Reminders

• Reminders

- If a student completes session 3, they need to be scored, after the scoring has been completed the report is then auto-generated
- If a student only finishes session 1 or 2 and does not get session 3 assigned, they will have a report of 'Not Proficient' automatically assigned
- Reports are located in Reports > Screener
 Assessment





KELPA Screener Reminders

- When to use "Reassign"
 - A student was originally assigned to Teacher A but needs to be assigned to Teacher B, before assessment is started.
 - Student was added to the incorrect grade/grade band and needs a new test assigned.
 - Student location change.
- How to
 - Screener Student Extract > Add "YES" to Reassign Screener Column J >> Upload



Kite Technology Updates





Student Portal Updates

• 2024-25: Kite Student Portal version 11.0

- New Quit Passwords
 - o Device-Specific
 - o May Change During Year
 - o Contact the Kite Service Desk
- Accessible Windows Client

• Not posted – Contact the Kite Service Desk



Technology Coordinator Webinars

• Live Technology Coordinator Webinars

• Thursday, August 22nd - 2:00pm CT

• Tuesday, September 10th - 10:00 am CT

- o Wednesday, September 18th 9:00am CT
- Who should attend?

o District & School Technology Coordinators

• What will be shared?

• Where to find resources

o General troubleshooting

Android device support



Relevant Resources

Assessments Overview Calendar (pdf) 🔎 KELPA Screener Manual (pdf) 🔎 Kite Accessibility Manual (pdf) 🔎 Kite Suite Whitelist Settings (pdf) 🔎 Kite Technology Coordinator Webinar 🔗

View Previous Year Score Reports

DTC role can view previous year score reports multiple ways:

- Summative
 - Reports > General Assessment > Student (Individual) / Student (Bundled) / School Summary / District Summary > Select the needed report year
- Interim

Interim > View Results > Predictive Report > Student Reports / Student
 Bundled Reports / School / District reports > Select the needed report year

• Specific student

Reports > Student Report Archive > Enter Student Last Name or State
 Student Identifier.



Documentation & Training – New Look!

New Documentation!

- Available Now:
 - o Kite Practice Test Guide
 - Kite Accessibility Manual
 - KAP PNP Planning Tool
 - KELPA Screener Manual
- Updated Videos
 - Training tab on KAP website
 - Help Tab in EP

Test Administration	Scoring and Reporting	Training			
Training Resources					
Resources marked with a star symbol 📌 are unique to the KELPA Assessment.					
KELPA Screener Training Slides (pptx) 🖻 ★					
<u>KELPA Screener Training (video)</u> 🕞 ★ 🗸					
Standardized Assessment Best Practices for Test Questions					
DTC Virtual Training Webinars 🔗					



Interim Assessment

- When submitting a TASC Record, ensure all needed subjects are included
- Reminder there are ELA, Math and Science Interim assessments this year
 - Science Grades 5 and 8



New! Instructional Mini Tests

- The new Mini Tests have been enhanced to incorporate more Technology Enhanced (TE) items
- Added 63 new writing Mini Tests
 - Grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10
- Additional Mini Tests will be added to EP every 2 3 weeks
- New reading Mini Test will have additional info
 - Lexile Level
 - Complexity



Balanced Assessment System: Instructional Mini Tests Video

- KAP Website Announcement
 <u>Instructional Mini Tests</u>
 <u>Accelerate Student Learning</u>
- Stay tuned for additional announcements and information about the KAP Balanced Assessment System!

Announcements

Instructional Mini Tests Accelerate Student Learning September 12, 2024

The KAP Balanced Assessment System is designed to support student learning by providing actionable information to educators. Check out the video below to learn how one...

Read more



New! Review a Test – Student Portal

- Review Mini Test in SP
- Students can view their answers, cannot make edits
- Some accommodations will continue to work (display enhancements)
- Tools and TTS not available





New! Feedback Report

- PDF Report on how students performed on Instructional Minis
 - Displays the question and available responses, correct answer
 - Table shows how students performed
 - Rationale explains why the correct answer is correct
- Designed to be used alongside Review a Test in Student Portal

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	2 pt			
	6 pt			
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	Response Options	% Answered	# Answered	Rationale:
	Opt1	0.00%	0	gallon = 4 pints.,Student
	Opt2	100.00%	1	from pound to ounce, and
	Opt3	0.00%	0	pints.,Student converts 0.5
	Opt4	0.00%	0	the conversion for 1 gallon.
	No Response	0.00%	0	



Science Instructional Mini Tests

- New for the 2024-25 school year!
- Instructional Mini Tests for science available for grades 3-8 and high school
 - Aligned to the NGSS and to KSDE's suggested scope and sequence
 - Offer classroom teachers resources to build self-selected mini tests to gauge student learning
 - Help inform and refine classroom instruction
 - Help monitor student progress toward learning goals



What Is Included

- Each Block is a set of 5-8 assessment items, all aligned to the NGSS and centered on a science phenomenon that presents students a problem to investigate.
- Each Block incorporates multiple dimensions:
 - o disciplinary core ideas
 - o science and engineering practices
 - o cross-cutting concepts



Next Kite Technology Update

• Demo!

- Interactive Reporting for Interim assessment
- New Interim assessment reports
 - Standards report



Kite Service Desk Contact Info

Contact Methods



<u>kap-support@ku.edu</u>



Live Chat in Educator Portal



Hours of Operation

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM CT Monday – Friday





Questions?

Please use the chat feature in Zoom to ask any relevant questions or clarifications.



DLM Updates





DYNAMC® Learning Maps



DLM Dates

DLM Dates	Date Open	Date Closed
Required Training	August 6, 2024	April 25, 2025
Fall Test Window	September 9, 2024	December 20, 2024
Spring Test Window	February 3, 2025	April 25, 2025



Test Coordinator Checklist

Educator Portal

Print year-end reports for DLM students- provide copy for

teacher and parents

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

Aug	ust-September 8, 2024		Sep	otember 9 – December 20, 2024			
1	Task	Resource	1	Task	Resource		
	Sign up for DLM test updates	Subscribe to DLM Test Updates		Manage student moves as needed	Data Management Manual (pdf) page 113 of manual		
	Sign up for KAA listserv	To sign up, send this information: Subject line: KAA Listserv Body of message: Email address, First Name, Last Name,		Manage data verification and revisions (changes to user, enrollment, and roster data) promptly	Data Manogement Manual (pdf)		
		USD Number, USD Name Send to this address: crogers@ksde.org		Monitor blueprint completion using the data extract: DLM instructionally embedded monitoring. All students rostered to the subject should be at 1001	Educator Portal		
	Data Management Manual	Assessment Coorainator Manual for Instructionally Embedded Model (pdf)	Feb	pruary 3 – April 25, 2025			
-	Become familiar with District Staff Training	Data Management Manual (pdf) Dynamic Learning Maps Website	1	Task	Resource		
	Resources			Manage student moves as needed	Data Management Manual (pdf)) page 113 of manual		
	Log into Educator Portal and complete security agreement	Educator Portal Educator Portal Manual	-	Manage data verification and revisions (changes to user,	Data Management Manual (pdf)		
	Notify KSDE (Julie Ewing) about new or changed buildings in the district.	jewing@ksde.org	_	Monitor blueprint completion using the data extract: DLM	Educator Portal		
	Obtain list of teachers administering the DLM this year			instructionally embedded monitoring. All students rostered to the subject should be at 100)	ne		
	Make sure DLM teachers are entered into Educator Portal and have access to the DLM assessment with the role of teacher. Teachers can't complete the required training that opens on Aug. 6 th until they have been listed as a teacher for DLM.	Educator Portal Data Management Manual (pdf) Educator identifier will be needed for each teacher		By April 25, enter Special Circumstance Codes (1 SC code entered per subject). Teachers will need to assign 1 testlet per subject (ELA and math) to the student before the SC code can be entered.	Educator Portal Special Circumstance Codes for Kansas (pdf)		
	Deactivate accounts for users who are no longer active in the district for DLM	Data Management Manual (pdf)					
	Request list of students, grade, and subjects that will be taking the DLM this year. If a student tested "at target" or "advanced" in ELA and math, the team needs to determine if the DLM is still the most appropriate assessment for the student.	This is an IEP team decision. IEP teams need to review eligibility for the DLM annually. Make sure teams have made decisions about 3 rd graders in the fall so that both test window are administered.					
	Use instructions in Data Management Manual and templates to prepare user, enrollment, and roster files.	Data Management Manual (pdf) Add a Student Record Manually (PDF) DLM-Upload Enrollment Template (PDF) Creating a Roster Manually (PDF)	DI M Test Coordinator		rdinator Checklis		
	By Aug. 26, upload enrollment file template or enroll students using the user interface	Educator Portal Data Management Manual (pdf)					
	By Aug. 26, upload roster files template or add rosters using the user interface (link students to teacher for each subject area they will be tested in)	For HS students only roster them in the grades and subjects that are testing. 10 th ELA/Math 11 th Science Data Management Manual (pdf)					
	Notify the educators when data uploads are completed.						
	Verify data for accuracy with educators						

(pdf)

Required Training

New Test Administrators

- Four modules (four post-tests) 3 hours
 - o Video
 - PDF PPT slides and transcript (optional)
 - Key points guide (optional)
 - Process activity (optional)
 - o Post-test
 - Helpful reminders (optional)
- Optional videos Score Report, First Contact Survey, and DLM instructionally Embedded Assessments
- Facilitated and self-directed options



Returning Test Admins

- One module 1 hour
 - o Video
 - PDF PPT slides and transcript (optional)
 - Four-part post-test
 - Helpful reminders (optional)
- Optional videos Score Report and First Contact Survey
- Self-directed option only

Required Training

• Required training is accessed via Educator Portal (single login)

- Refer to the <u>Guide to Required Training</u> on the DLM website.
- Must pass quizzes with 80% accuracy.
- Make sure to click the link that says 2024-25 DLM Test Administrator Certificate for your completion to be documented successfully.
 - That link will only appear if all required quizzes are completed with a passing grade.



Training Status Extract: Complete Date

 'RTComplete_Date' column displays the date each user completed required test administrator training

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Role	User_Training_Type	RTComplete	RTComplete_Date
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	Returning	Yes	8/28/2023
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	New	No	
District User	New	No	
District User	New	No	
District Test	New	No	
District Test	New	No	
Teacher; Bui	Returning	Yes	2/14/2024
District User	New	No	
District Test	Returning	No	
Teacher; Bui	New	No	
Teacher; Bui	New	No	
Teacher; Buil	New	No	
District Test	New	No	
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Teacher; Buil	Returning	Yes	1/19/2024
Teacher; Buil	New	No	
Teacher; Bui	New	No	
Teacher	New	No	
Teacher	Returning	Yes	3/22/2024
Teacher	New	Yes	3/18/2024
Teacher	New	No	



Required Training Updates for 2024-25

- Improved accessibility (Aptos font)
- Simpler slide content
- New QR codes for DLM website, Kite page of the DLM website, and resource videos
- More emphasis on
 - o Use of Testlet Information Pages (TIPs)
 - Use of instructional and assessment resources (including PD)
 - Not rushing test administration sessions



2024-25 DLM Training for District Roles

• Same

- Optional, self-directed, posted to each state's page of the DLM website
- o Separate lessons by role
 - Data managers
 - Assessment coordinators
 - Technology coordinators
 - District and building administrators
- Additional lessons for DLM terminology and what's new



• Different

• What's new lesson revised to highlight some of the new technology enhancements

Show Students Not Rostered to a Subject

- New checkbox in UI when creating or editing a roster
 Only show students who are NOT rostered to this subject'
- When selected, Students grid will only show students who are not already rostered to the subject
- Also available when editing a roster





Edit Accountability District and School via UI

	Edit Student Record -	Ryan Perry	×
ID - Intellectual Disability × *	DLM-Dynamic Learning Maps×	Select	
ESOL PARTICIPATION:*	ESOL ENTRY DATE:	USA ENTRY DATE:	
4 - Monitored ESOL Student × *	month/day/year	month/day/year	
School Enrollment for Year 2024			
DISTRICT:	SCHOOL:	GRADE :*	
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D177132 - Mari District B × *		177000005	
D177132 - Mari District B × *	DISTRICT ENTRY DATE:	SCHOOL ENTRY DATE:*	

Save



New Upload Template Documents

- Ensure you are using the newest Upload Templates for enrolling and rostering students.
- These can be downloaded from Educator Portal.
 - Hover over the question mark symbol highlighted below to access the file

SETTINGS ▼ MANAGE TESTS ▼ REPORTS ▼ DASHBOARD TRAINING HELP									
View Students	Find Student	Add Student	Transfer Students	Exit Student	Upload Enrollment	Upload TEC			
Upload Enrollment: Select Criteria									
Note: Files that contain blank lines or empty records will result in incomplete processing of the uploaded file.									
File: ⑦*									
Select File	•					Up	load		



Fall Window: September 9 – December 20

Essential Elements for ELA and Mathematics

- are selected in the Instruction and Assessment Planner
- are required to be assessed
- have blueprint requirements
- contribute to a student's final, endof-year Individual Student Score Report

Essential Elements for Science

- are selected in the Instruction and Assessment Planner
- are <u>not required</u> to be assessed
- do <u>not</u> have blueprint requirements
- do <u>not</u> contribute to the student's final, end-of-year Individual Student Score Report



DLM Webinars

Content is subject to change at any time due to current events

- August 22 What do I need to do to get ready for the fall test window? <u>Webinar Registration</u>
- September 4 How do I write instructional plans? Webinar Registration
- October 10 DLM resources How do I prepare my students for the DLM? Webinar Registration
- December 5 DLM fall test window wrap-up What needs to be finished by Dec 20? Webinar Registration
- February 6 DLM spring window <u>Webinar Registration</u>
- April 10 DLM wrap-up What needs to be finished by April 25th? Webinar Registration

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 897 7927 3623 Passcode: 947213 One tap mobile: +13462487799

Register for entire 2024-25 Webinar Series



Questions?

Please use the chat feature in Zoom to ask any relevant questions or clarifications.



ACT Information







Fall WorkKeys

- Paper Test Window 1 is October 2.
- Paper Test Window 2 is October 30.
 - You can order additional materials needed for Test Window 2: October 2-18.
 - You can also enroll additional students during that time.
- Validus login and realm information was sent to all building test coordinators on September 4. The information is needed to access WorkKeys Online reporting.
- If you are testing online, you can now enroll students and set up test sessions between now and November 12.
- Testing can be completed any time from October 2-November



PreACT 8/9

- Ordering window for PreACT 8/9 for your grade 9 students now open
 - Window closes October 18.
- Please follow carefully the instructions for ordering provided on the Kansas ACT website. Pay particular attention to select Kansas PreACT 8/9 2024-Grade 9 only from the Choose Program drop-down menu.
- There is no requirement to enroll students for PreACT 8/9.
- You may test any time from September 30 November 8.
- Return your answer documents promptly after completing testing to ensure that they are scored.



Spring ACT

- The Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA) opened September 16
 - Begin submitting requests for accommodations for the ACT now.
- The final deadline for submitting TAA requests is January 10.
 - It is suggested that you submit these early since it can take 5-10 business days to get a response.
- Accommodations training webinar September 24.
 - <u>Register here</u>
- Watch for the Schedule of Events for Spring 2025 ACT to be posted soon on the Kansas ACT website.



Questions?

Please use the chat feature in Zoom to ask any relevant questions or clarifications.







A PDF of the slides and a recording of this webinar will be posted on <u>DTC Virtual Training page</u> each Friday following the webinar.

Next Webinar: October 15



Contact Information

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KAP DTC Webinar Chat Transcript

Question: 3rd-5th should NOT get any added audio in their PNP unless they are completing the TTS application that requires KSDE approval??

Answer: That is correct.

Question: Would it be possible to have TTS available for grades 3-5 on items assessing comprehension, and remove the TTS for items assessing decoding? I understand this would likely not be possible this year.

Answer: We are not implementing TTS at that level of granularity at this time.

Question: What happens if one chooses TTS for a grade 3-5 student? Is it automatically disabled? Will there be a pop-up message that it is out of grade range?

Answer: Currently, TTS will not disable for grade 3-5 students or popup for a grade range. We are currently investigating options to make clear limits according to KSDE policy.

Question: Will there still be a non-visual choice or will that be text & graphics in the PNP?

Answer: Non-Visual is now called "Passages and Graphics". The functionality and requirements from KSDE are still the same.

Question: When "ILP" is referenced, does that only refer to an ESOL ILP Plan? SIT/GEI Plans no longer would qualify for any of the Text to Speech accommodations?

Answer: That is correct.

Follow Up: This is a concern as scores may not be reflective of language comprehension skills and the cognitive load for those students who are struggling readers. We just want to be able to offer a clean explanation as to why this change.

Question: What are "Quit Passwords"? Does each specific teacher need to contact you each time to get the new password?

Answer: Sometimes if device has Student Portal open and either loses power or other situations where the app is not closed properly users may get a red screen asking for a quit password to quit the app. We do require that a user contacting has an Educator Portal account and that if it is written down/documented that it is kept in a secure (locked) location such as a desk or file cabinet. So, if a teacher uses only iPads, they can call to get the iPad quit password, save it and then be able to get it without calling. That said, we could update passwords during the year so contacting each time is suggested.

