



General Information

- The writing assessment is **NOT** available for the **2011-2012 school year**
- Will be required for the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Grades assessed: 5, 8, and 11
 - Results are used to calculate QPA, but not AYP
- Beyond 2013 writing will be tested as part of the Smarter Balanced assessment for English language arts

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to writing standards:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1726>
- Kansas 6-TRAIT rubrics:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=165>
- KSDE Training Manual for 6-TRAIT scoring:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=165>
- Suggested Scoring Procedures:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=165>
- Example prompts for classroom use:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=165>

Assessment Format

- Four untimed testing sessions, approximately 45-60 minutes each
- Link to list of accommodations allowed:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372>

Testing Modes

- Students may use a word processing program
- Kansas Writing Instruction and Evaluation Tool (KWIET) platform may also be available for 2012-2013

Kansas Alternate Assessment (KAA) and Kansas Assessment of Modified Measures (KAMM)

- **NOT** available for the 2011-2012 school year
- For the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Administered to students identified as eligible by their IEP team
 - Only 3% of district students may be classified as Meets Standards or higher using the KAMM and the Alternate assessments
 - Only 1% of district students may be classified as Meets Standards or higher using the alternate assessment
 - Link to KAA webpage:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384>
 - Link to KAMM webpage:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2371>

Formative and Interim Assessment

- For formative and interim assessment in the area of writing, KSDE suggests making use of the Kansas Writing Instruction and Evaluation Tool (KWIET):
<http://www.cete.us/kap/kwiet/>

QPA Writing Targets

- Percentage of students needed at Meets Standards or above:
 - 5th Grade = 67%
 - 8th Grade = 73%
 - High School = 76%

Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and Standard of Excellence

- Five performance levels and cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education:
 - Exemplary – 4.40
 - Exceeds Standard – 3.75
 - Meets Standard – 3.00
 - Approaches Standard – 2.30
 - Academic Warning – < 2.30
- Criteria for Standard of Excellence:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2379>

Scores Reported

- Student 6-TRAIT scores by individual rater
- Student average 6-TRAIT scores, composite score, and performance level

Testing Window

| Type | Grades | Mode | Open | Close |
|-----------|--------|------|------|-------|
| General | | | | |
| KAMM | | | | |
| Alternate | | | | |

Writing assessments are **NOT** available for the 2011-2012 school year.

English Language Learners (ELLs)

- All ELLs must take the Kansas English Language Proficiency Assessment (KELPA)
- Link to the KELPA web page:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2450>
- Writing assessment is **NOT** available for 2011-2012 school year
- For the 2012-2013 school year:
 - Recently arrived students (whose education in the United States began less than one calendar year from the date the local writing assessment window opens) may take the KELPA in lieu of the Kansas Writing Assessment
 - ELLs may use translation dictionaries and other tools and resources if accustomed to their use during instruction
 - Students must compose in English
 - Link to the English Language Learners and State Assessments fact sheet:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2364>

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