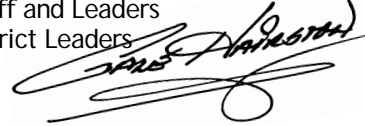


To: Future School Leaders, Leadership Preparation Faculty/Staff and Leaders
Topic: Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments for School and District Leaders
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Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE): On November 27, 2012, the Missouri State Board of Education approved the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE). This is a comprehensive approach to educator preparation that includes several significant changes for students and educator preparation programs. This memo focuses on the changes regarding the assessments used in the preparation of educators.

The Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) is a comprehensive approach to assess the pre-professional development of students working for educator certification in Missouri. These assessments provide a common, statewide foundation of content knowledge, professional practice, and "what it takes to be an effective educator." The number and cost of these assessments have increased. The state board fully understands those implications; however, the focus is upon the development of quality educators for schools in Missouri. The assessments are spaced at different transition points throughout the preparation program. An investment in MEGA is part of your commitment to becoming a Missouri educator.

Current Assessments for 2013-2014:

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)

- Purpose: Exit assessment for principal certification in Missouri
- Test Format: Computer-based at a testing center
- Test Windows Available: August 4-16, 2014 (Last Test Window)
- Registration & Preparation Materials: ETS Website (www.ets.org)
- Cost: \$425 - Test Number 6011, Missouri Qualifying Score @ 163

School Superintendents Assessment (SSA)

- Purpose: Exit assessment for superintendent certification in Missouri
- Test Format: Paper-based only! (*The computer-based assessment is **NOT** approved for Missouri.*)
- Test Windows Available : There are two test dates scheduled for 2013-2014
 - Saturday, November 2, 2013
 - Saturday, March 8, 2014.
- Test Sites: There are multiple test sites for each test administration date.
- Registration & Preparation Materials: ETS Website (www.ets.org)
- Cost: \$300 - Test Number 1020, Missouri Qualifying Score @ 158

Missouri Educator Profile (MEP)

- New Assessment for Fall 2013
- Purpose: The Missouri Educator Profile (MEP) is designed to be diagnostic, developmental, and sequential to assess the characteristics of candidates pursuing certification as a teacher, counselor, librarian, principal, and/or superintendent.
- Developed in conjunction with Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
- Test Format: On-Line & Computer-Based
- Test Windows Available: First Administration - September 3, 2013
- Registration is scheduled to begin on September 3, 2013
- Cost: \$22.00

New Assessments Beginning in the Fall of 2014

Content Area Assessments

- Purpose: The content area assessments are exit assessments that must be completed for all areas of certification. The exit assessment must measure the content necessary for principals and superintendent certification. The exit assessments must be aligned with state and national standards for school and/or district leaders.
- Developed in conjunction with Evaluation Systems group of Pearson
- Test Format: Computer-based at a testing center
- Test Windows Available : Beginning in September 2014
- Registration & Preparation Materials: To be released March/April 2014
- Principal - Cost: \$106.00
- Superintendent - Cost: \$106.00

Missouri Standards-Based Performance Assessment (MoSLPA)

- Purpose: The Missouri School Leaders Performance Assessment (MoSLPA) will be designed to demonstrate performance in content, coursework, and field experiences during the candidates' internship(s). The tasks will focus on the standards and quality indicators for school leaders.
- Developed in conjunction with Educational Testing Service
- Test Format: Computer-based & completed during internship experience
- Test Windows Available :
 - Pilot - Spring 2014
 - Implementation - Fall 2014
- Registration & Preparation Materials: To be released later this year.
- Principal - Cost: \$275.00

If you have any questions and/or need any additional information about MEGA, please email the Office of Educator Preparation at EQPrep@dese.mo.gov. We will be developing a Frequently Asked Questions document in response to your inquiries.

School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) & School Superintendents Assessment (SSA)		
Leadership Assessments		
Remaining Test Windows - Now To August 31, 2014		
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	Test Windows	
	October 7-19, 2013	April 7-19, 2014
	December 9-21, 2013	May 12-24, 2014
	January 13-25, 2014	July 14-26, 2014
	February 3-15, 2014	August 4-16, 2014 (Last Test Window)
School Superintendents Assessment (SSA) (Paper-Based Assessment)	Two Dates Scheduled for 2013-2014	
	Saturday - November 2, 2013	Saturday - March 8, 2014
New Leadership Assessments		
Evaluation Systems group by Pearson & Educational Testing Service		
Beginning in Fall 2013	Missouri Educator Profile (MEP)	On-Line & Computer-Based
Beginning in Fall 2014	Content Assessments for Principals Content Assessments for Superintendents	Computer-Based Test Sites
	Missouri School Leaders Performance Assessment (MoSLPA)	Completed During Internship