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The following e-mail was sent to Program Directors



On-line TABE Announcement

Kentucky Adult Education (KYAE) is pleased to announce the recent state purchase of the on-line TABE assessment from CTB McGraw Hill for use by all KYAE-funded programs. KYAE recognizes this as one way to assist programs from a financial and technology standpoint because programs will not have to expend additional program funds to access the on-line tests. The KYAE purchase is only for the on-line assessment and **does not include paper/pencil or TABE PC**. KYAE has purchased 250,001 on-line versions of TABE 9 & 10 sub-tests with the flexibility for a one-for-one switch for any new on-line TABE versions that come out in the immediate future, including the adaptive TABE (*upon its approval by OVAE as an allowable enrollment assessment*).

The on-line TABE is the same test as the current paper/pencil TABE 9 & 10 version, so it will require an on-line locator to assist in proper level selection for students who have never been TABE assessed. The on-line locator does not count toward the number of assessments used by the state. As always, professional judgment and other factors should be considered with the locator when placing a student in the appropriate TABE level. The TABE administrative system allows the teacher to select the level of the TABE for the student. The timeframes for each area will be proctored by the computer program and after the completion of the assessment it will be scored immediately. Since the on-line version has the same forms as the paper/pencil, they are interchangeable (*student can initially test on the on-line and progress on the paper/pencil or vice versa if needed*).

KYAE recommends transitioning to the on-line test for the majority of assessments administered. Obviously, there are some cases where on-line testing is not feasible. For example, correctional settings, half-way houses, remote satellite locations, and occasions where the number of assessments given at one time, such as employment testing, would preclude using the on-line version.

Advantages for moving to on-line testing:

- Automated proctoring, scoring and diagnostic profile
- Future download of test scores to the AERIN system
- Administrative feature which allows tracking of center, class, individual testing
- Familiarizes students with on-line testing in preparation for the computer-based GED
- Saves staff time
- Cost savings from using a prepaid assessment

CTB McGraw Hill technical support will provide assistance in preparing your location for on-line testing. Below are links to documents that will show you the computer specs for test administration, a welcome letter from CTB McGraw Hill, and a user agreement which must be completed before access is given. Please work with the CTB tech support and your local tech support to ensure that all requirements are met for access, including any unforeseen "firewall" issues. As a reminder, the state purchase is for the on-line computer testing only. Any paper/pencil testing will still need to be paid for through local county funds. Please complete the TABE user agreement and submit to the CTB contact on the bottom of the user agreement.

Documents

[CTB McGraw-Hill TABE Kentucky Online User Agreement](#) (59K WORD)

[TABE Letter from CTB McGraw-Hill to Field](#) (14K WORD)

[Online Assessment System User Guide](#) (2,322K PDF)

[Online Assessment System Installation Guide](#) (1,397K PDF)

[Online Assessment System Configuration Checklist Windows/PC](#) (56K PDF)

[Online Assessment System Configuration Checklist Apple MacIntosh \(MAC\)](#) (56K PDF)

[Online Assessment System Configuration Checklist LINUX](#) (54K PDF)

More information on opportunities for On-line TABE training will follow.

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