

## Aspire Updates September 1, 2020

We have revised some student forms and the Assessment Policy. Please read carefully, share the information with your staff, and begin using the updated forms immediately. If you have any questions, please contact your program manager. All updated forms and policy are on the Aspire website.

### **Assessment Policy**

We understand that it is a challenge for students and programs to test students remotely. We appreciate the effort programs are taking to get students tested. While standardized assessment is the ideal so we can count students in the performance outcomes, we know it is not always plausible. We have extended the amount of time that test scores from this year may be carried forward.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the most current student test scores in ABLELink that were administered between January 1, 2020, and June 30, 2020, **may be rolled forward through December 31, 2020**, and reported in ABLELink as an initial test for FY 2021 for returning students. We encourage programs to test sooner, if it is not an undue burden on the student or test administrator.

### **RIF and R-RIF**

- Included OOD. We do a data match with OOD now because they need to know the educational outcomes of their clients that may be co-enrolled in an Aspire program.
- Removed *Center for Human Resources Research - The Ohio State University*. Their work, evaluation and audit, falls under Higher Education.
- Removed SSN so we could have one RIF form whether orientations are in person or remote. The SSN on the RIF was optional on the previous form.



### Release of Information Form

I, (print name) \_\_\_\_\_, authorize the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education to release my educational records, which includes my name, social security number, student ID number, and date of birth, to the agencies listed below. The agency use of these records is limited to and in connection with the audit and evaluation of Federally supported education programs, or in connection with the enforcement of the Federal legal requirements, that relate to such programs.

**Student/Examinee information released to for the purpose of:**

<b>Employment</b> Ohio Department of Job and Family Services 30 East Broad Street, 32nd Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215	<b>High School Equivalence Diploma</b> Ohio Department of Education 25 S. Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215
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**Education Outcomes for students co-enrolled**  
Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities  
400 East Campus View Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43235

My signature is acknowledgement that I have read and voluntarily consented to the release of the above-mentioned educational records as collected and utilized by the Aspire program I have previously enrolled in or tested with.

_____ <b>Signature of Student/Parent or Guardian*</b> <i>If signing electronically, type /s/ First and Last Name.</i>	_____ <b>Date</b>
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\* Students under the age of 18 must have this consent form signed by the student's parent or guardian.

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## Student Registration Form

With feedback from Aspire administrators, here are the changes made to the Student Registration Form:

- Put SSN in a more prominent location as this will be the only document to collect SSN for in-person registration.
  - \*\* Reminder... for remote orientations, the SSNs are to be collected via phone. A program must collect SSN, when possible and with the student's consent on the RIF, in order to achieve performance outcomes (employment, HSE, postsecondary enrollment).
- Changed *Student ID* to *ABLELink ID* and moved it to the Office Use Only section.
- Removed the *Workplace Education Only* section because we can collect this information in the online grants when programs have workplace education sites.