

Aspire Updates

April 2, 2018

In-Demand Jobs Week

Please help kick off Ohio's first In-Demand Jobs Week in May. Information is on the attached flyer; OhioMeansJobs.com can provide ideas on how to share in-demand jobs information in your classroom.

HSE Options Press Release

You spoke and we listened. Several of you shared your concern that there had not been any statewide publicity about the HSE test options now available in Ohio. Not only is it important for potential students to know about this change, employers and colleges need to be aware too. Attached is a collaborative press release between ODE, ODHE, and OWT that was released last week. If this didn't make it in your local news, feel free to help distribute it in your community.

Assessment Materials Available through the PDN System

TABE Online

Programs interested in administering TABE 9/10 by computer can do so at no cost using the Aspire sponsored TABE Online account. For programs who were not able to use TABE Online a few months back due to technical issues, please consider trying again. The new version of TABE Online no longer requires 3rd party software programs to run and is compatible with a range of devices.

Some benefits of using TABE Online:

- Automatic Locator test level placement
- Automatic scoring and on demand reports
- Technology accommodations to adjust font color/size and background color of test questions
- Student exposure to computer based testing
 - Online practice opportunities for each content area and level to help examinees become more familiar with the use of tools available
 - TABE Online (9/10 & 11/12) and TASC Test are delivered on the same online testing platform

TABE 9/10

- Survey answer sheets
- Practice Exercises and Locator answer sheets
- Diagnostic Profiles, Survey, Levels E,M,D,A
- Test Book, Level L, Form 9 and Form 10, Pre/post set

TABE CLAS-E

- Individual Diagnostic Profile – Levels 1,2,3,4

BEST Literacy Examinee Test Books

- Forms B and C

Program administrators can order materials and access TABE Online through the PDN System using the Director Access link -

<http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/registrations/login.cfm>.

Distance Education

To prepare for the transition to a program-only model of distance education, the **last day for new DE referrals to the Hub will be Monday April 30th, 2018**. If your program is currently referring students to use the provided curricula options such as GED/TABE[®] Academy or Rosetta Stone, you will need to have those referrals submitted by April 30th. All students referred by April 30th will have access to the current curricula until Friday June 29th. After that time, the Hub provided curricula will become unavailable to students. Please contact sschab@highered.ohio.gov with any questions.

Graduations

It's hard to believe it's that time of year already, planning for graduation ceremonies. We love to attend as many celebrations as possible; advance notice is needed so we can adjust our schedules. Please send your invite information to aspiregrants@highered.ohio.gov as soon as possible. Please let us have a few minutes on the agenda to say a brief congratulations to the students on behalf of ODHE. If you need for us to provide any other role, please note that in the invite.

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