



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: District Administrators

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SUBJECT: Last Week of Testing Reminder

You are receiving this communication as a courtesy reminder. The TIDE Online Reports System (ORS) allows districts to review a student's test status for The Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA). Any eligible student who does not have a CTAA test submitted in a content area will be indicated as a non-participant in that specific content area.

For the students participating in the Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA), and particularly those students who may be eligible for the *Early Stopping Rule*, CSDE would like to remind districts that there is processing time required between the time when a student has been approved by the CSDE for the *Early Stopping Rule* and when the student appears in the Online Reporting System as submitted.

If a student is being considered for the *Early Stopping Rule*, a call should be placed to the Bureau of Student Assessment to receive approval. As part of the approval process, we have requested that teachers notify districts of the student's approved status for the *Early Stopping Rule*. **Trained teachers administering the CTAA must call the Student Assessment Office for approval of all students who may be potential CTAA *Early Stopping Rule* candidates by 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2016.** Any student who has not been identified as eligible for the *Early Stopping Rule* through the process described in the CTAA Test Administration Manual, Section VI. III, Conducting the Student Response Check, will be indicated as a non-participant.

Please be aware that once the CTAA Test Administration site closes on Friday districts will no longer have access to any test.

Please contact Janet Stuck (860-713-6837) or Joe Amenta (860-713-6855) with any questions about the CTAA.