



# TABE

## What's New for 2015



TEST  
ASSESSING  
SECONDARY  
COMPLETION



**ONLINE**

DATA SOLUTIONS  
**DRC** CORPORATION | **CTB**

# DRC Acquisition of CTB



- What Happened?
  - DRC acquired most of CTB assessments and staff as of July 1
  - TABE, TASC and TABE CLAS-E are now part of DRC and not McGraw-Hill
- Who is DRC?
  - 35+ Years as a large scale test publisher
  - Based in Maple Grove, MN
  - Competitive partner and rival of CTB
- What Changes for TABE customers?
  - Ordering – no change
  - Customer Service – no change
  - Sales Support – no change
  - Development on TABE 11&12 – no change

# TABE Current Status

- TABE 9/10 is approved at least through 2017
  - Most asked questions, alignment to HSE and 11/12
- TABE Online is helping to field test new items now
  - Testlets are the bridge between today and the new NRS
- More customers still use paper version than computer based
- TABE Adaptive
  - Strong connection and strong pre-test overview needed
  - revision and NRS approval dependent on TABE 11/12
- TABE CLAS-E approved in 20 states
  - CLAS-E Online is pending the release of the new NRS EFLs

# NRS Changes

- Public Comment period for WIOA draft regulations
  - Comments period closed
  - [www.nrsweb.org](http://www.nrsweb.org)
- Rules for all parts of NRS testing/reporting and AEFLA funding
- Oct. 1, 2016 is the first purposed application date for publishers

# College and Career Readiness Assumptions

- First and foremost, the selected standards **do not specify a national or federal set of mandates, but rather articulate a framework of standards for states to employ voluntarily** in strengthening their adult education programs with respect to college and career readiness.
- Second, the order of the selected standards within a level does not represent an order in which they are to be taught or a hierarchy of importance.
- Third, the selected standards **do not specify how instructors should teach, but rather merely define what all students should be expected to know** and be able to do to be prepared for postsecondary success.
- Fourth, **the standards are not a curriculum**, and states or programs choosing to adopt them will need to complement the standards with high-quality curricula that align with the content and expectations.

# College and Career Readiness Assumptions

- Fifth, the standards are not meant to specify the full spectrum of support and interventions appropriate for English language learners and students with special needs to meet these standards, nor do they mirror the significant diversity of students' learning needs, abilities, and achievement levels.
- **Sixth, the standards do not offer an exhaustive list of what can be taught beyond the fundamentals specified within these CCR standards;** much is purposefully left to the discretion of teachers, curriculum developers, program administrators, and states in deciding what (if any) content to add.
- Finally, while the mathematics and ELA/literacy components in this report are crucial to college and career readiness, they do not define the whole of such preparedness; students depend on a variety of readiness skills and preparation, including habits of mind such as stamina, persistence, punctuality, and time and workload management skills.

# TABE Plans for 2015 and Beyond



## ▪ **TABE Online**

- New FREE Formative tests released in October
  - Aligned to College and Career Readiness Standards
  - Included new Technology Enabled items
- New interface for the main administrative website

## ▪ **Next version of TABE**

- New Forms
- New Content aligned to CCRS
- Aligned to TASC and other HSE tests

# Why Testlets?



**Students** can get comfortable with CCSS/CCR standards

Relatively low stress, familiar environment (your site!)

New yet “gentle” item challenges

Available to students from the very beginning: Levels E through A



**Educators** can get comfortable with upcoming OCTAE CCSS/CCR standards

Increased comfort with technology-Enhanced (TE) items will help you help your students

Report offers domain-level information

Help prepare all students for their future

*Testlets are also a field test for new items; they will help inform our item development team as we move ahead with new versions of TABE*

# Testlet Rules.



Testlets are ALWAYS optional



They do not count for any part of a student's TABE score



They are not NRS approved and cannot be reported or otherwise used for NRS purposes

(And Testlets are free)

# Testlet – Workstation Setup

- Uninstall the old Test Delivery Client (TDC)
- Install the new TDC to your workstation(s)
- Pre-position content on your workstation(s) – this is an important step
- The new desktop TDC icon contains the TABE Online logo



- The new launch screen asks which assessment is being used
  - For Testlets, ask students to choose “TABE Testlets”
  - For TABE Online, ask students to choose “TABE Online”



- The rest is the same as it was before!

# TABE Testlets

- Free and only in the new TABE Online Interface
- Provides exposure to new CCSS/CCR items before HSE tests
- Does not effect reportable TABE scores
- Must use Windows based testing computers
- Content areas include Reading, Math and Language
- Testlets are optional and can be used at anytime after initial TABE test

## TABE Testlet: Johnson, Mike

Report Criteria		
ID: <b>44550033</b>	State: <b>CTB TABE State</b>	Test Scheduler: <b>Jerry Brown</b>
Test Name: <b>TABE Testlet - Mathematics</b>	District: <b>North District</b>	
Test Finish Date: <b>6/9/2014</b>	School: <b>Good School</b>	
Report Date: <b>06-10-2014 9:35:32 AM</b>	Class: <b>Class M5</b>	

### Testlet Information: TABE - Mathematics - Session 202988

#### CONTENT AREA: Mathematics Level M - Form 2

Target Grade	Mathematics Domain	Points Earned	Points Possible	Percent Correct
4-5	Geometry	2	2	100%
4-5	Measurement and Data	6	6	100%
4-5	Number and Operations in Base Ten	2	2	100%
4-5	Operations and Algebraic Thinking	1	1	100%
4-5	Geometry	5	5	100%
4-5	Measurement and Data	2	2	100%
4-5	Number and Operations in Base Ten	3	3	100%

# TABE Plans for 2015 and Beyond

## TABE 11/12

- Field Testing late 2015 – early 2016
  - Sign up to receive email updates
- College and Career Readiness Standards
- New length of the test
- Changes to Math sections
- Improved Locator design
- Reading, Math and Language tests only
- Spanish version planned

# TABE Plans for 2015 and Beyond



## **TABE PC**

- New Platform planned for TABE 11/12
- Several options being discussed

## **TestMate TABE**

- New Scanning option for TABE 11/12
- Uploading to a central internet database

## **TABE CLAS-E**

- New NRS Functional Levels and CCR Standards
- Computerized Testing option
- Approved at least through 2017

# Questions/Contact



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