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Science Assessment Summer Work Group Opportunities

This is your invitation to APPLY for summer work groups for the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS).

Content Review – Olympia, WA

Participants will review stimuli, items, and rubrics developed during the Item Cluster Writing work groups in March and April. Participants will ensure every stimulus, item, and rubric is scientifically accurate and gathers evidence about student mastery of the state science standards (Next Generation Science Standards). Five applicants will be chosen for each 4-day committee.

Elementary School *July 16-19, 2019*

Middle School *August 6-9, 2019*

High School (week 1) *July 16-19, 2019*

High School (week 2) *August 6-9, 2019*

Content Review with Data – SeaTac, WA

Participants will review student performance data for every item field-tested in spring 2019 and make recommendations for the operational item bank based on criteria for acceptable items.

In a typical administration, both item clusters and standalone items are field tested. To allow time for accommodations like text-to-speech and glossing to be applied to field test items, the 2019 field test includes standalone items only. We are convening one combined group of elementary, middle school, and high school educators for one-day to review field test data for these standalone items.

Elementary, Middle, and High School August 12, 2019

How to apply: Our application database is updated each year. Please complete the application in its entirety, even if you have applied for or attended science assessment work groups in the past. Once you have completed the application you can use it for all events you would like to apply for in 2019. If you have already applied for a work group in 2019 and have no changes to that application, please send an email to Jessica.Cole@k12.wa.us requesting to use your previous application. In your email, please be sure to state the grade, event title, and the dates you are applying for.

[Science Assessment Application 2019](#)

Please complete the application survey by 5:00 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019.

We recommend downloading the [Application Example](#) prior to applying. This is only an example so that you can review the questions prior to logging into the survey

Participants will be chosen to convene a well-balanced work group in terms of previous science assessment experience, content and grade-level expertise, and school or district demographics. Each work group will include both experienced and new applicants.

The science assessments are three-dimensional—assessing Science and Engineering Practices and Crosscutting Concepts in the context of Physical Sciences; Life Sciences; Earth and Space Sciences; and Engineering, Technology, and Applications of Science.

Teachers who have not yet participated in an assessment development work group for the WCAS will be required to complete an online pre-meeting training. Free STEM clock hours will be provided for the online training and the work group.

Teachers who have previously participated in a science assessment development work group for the WCAS are not required to complete the online pre-meeting training.

Logistics

The work groups will begin with breakfast each morning at 7:30 a.m. and will run from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Participants are expected to attend the entire day/event.

- Breakfast and lunch will be provided.
- Free STEM clock hours will be provided.
- Personal travel reimbursement (mileage, dinner, parking, etc.) will be provided as long as all state guidelines and regulations are met.
- Lodging will be provided for those living more than 50 miles from the event location.
- Flights are available if needed.
- A \$200 per day stipend is provided to contracted teachers during summer months.

Please forward this invitation to your colleagues.

Please let us know if you have any questions or need any further information.

Science Assessment Team

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