MEAP Assessment Matrix and Design Principles for PROMISE on 8/12/04

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Objectives

Review current current status of NCLB

*Discuss current thinking about test redesign and gain your advice

Review the roadmap to implementation in 2005-2006

NCLB: Basic Principles

* Student Learning
 * Effective Teaching
 * Accountability (Continuous Improvement)

- Measurement of learning and teaching
- Attributing results to schools
- Consequences

Current issues for states

***Increased** accountability

- 50+ ways to fail
- Sanctions publicity to restructuring

***Increase temptation to cut corners**

- Testing practices ethics issues and administrative errors at the student, teacher, and administrative levels
- Reclassifying, exiting and coaching students

Solutions proposed or being implemented in Michigan

*Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability bringing together

- MEAP for most students
- MI Access for students with significant disabilities
- An ELL assessment for students not proficient in English
- AYP & Ed YES! Accountability
- Coordinating with CEPI



Solutions, questions, discussions underway

* Fall testing for ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies at Elementary and Middle school * How to register for early October

testing?

- Set new performance standards? Yes.
- * Impact on report cards?
- * Ethics Policy being revised.
- * ACT vs. MEAP at High School

Current thinking about test redesign: The Matrix

* The Test Matrix consists of

- <u>Core Items</u> measure the overlap of the current benchmarks and the GLCE's
- <u>Core replacement items</u> (field test items)
- Future core items: new, changed or moved items from GLCE's to broaden coverage of expectations prerequisite assessed
- <u>Extended Core_items</u>: measure expectations or benchmarks that are supportive, enabling, or prerequisite to Core items



* What counts toward Student scores?

- The Core items
- Possibly Extended
 Core items
- * What counts toward School Scores (AYP and Ed YES!)
 - Core items
 - Future Core items in 2009 or 2010
 - Likely Extended
 Core items

Current thinking about test redesign: The Matrix YTBA

* On what items will schools get results information?

- Core,
- Extended Core, and
- Future Core

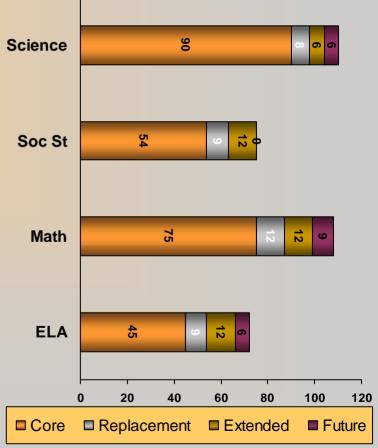
 No information provided on Field Test (Replacement Core) items

* YTBA??? The Matrix is Yet To Be Approved

New test designs being developed (some examples)

Example:

- ~90 Core items
- ~6 Future Core
- ~6 Extended Core
- ~8 Core Replacement



Field Testing: How does it work for ELA and Math?

Field testing Winter 2005

GRADE		3	4	5	6	7	8
ELA		Free	Currently	Free	Free	Currently	Free
		standing	testing	standing	standing	testing	standing
		Pilot		Pilot	Pilot		Pilot
Mathemat	ics	Free	Currently	Free	Free	Free	Currently
		standing	Testing	standing	standing	standing	testing
		Pilot		Pilot	Pilot	Pilot	

Sembedded field test items where currently testing
Free standing pilots with a sample of schools

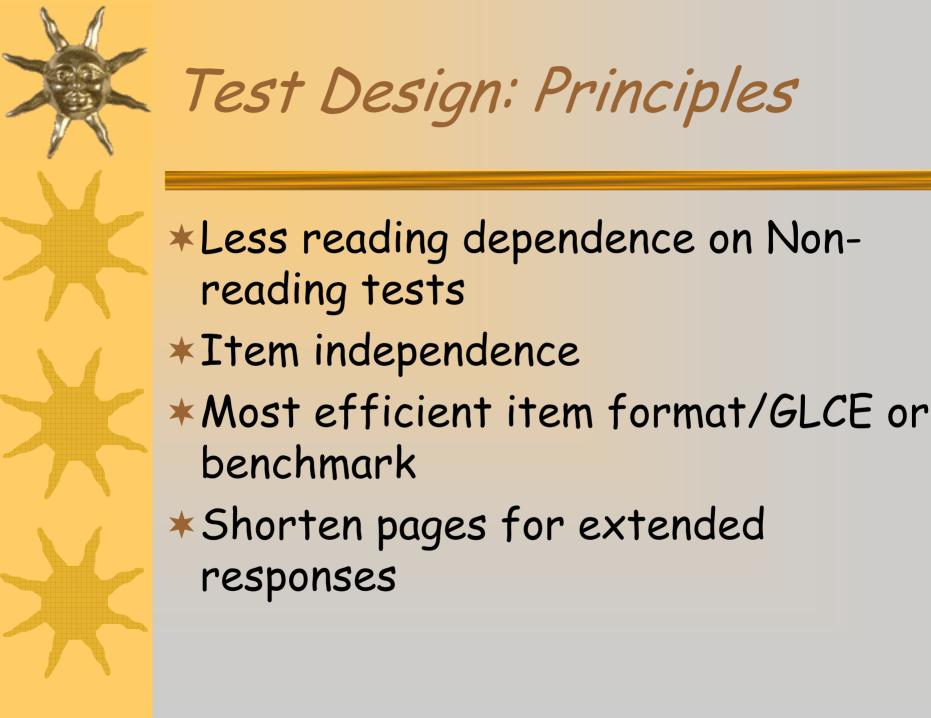


Current thinking about Test Design: Principles

Curriculum drives assessment

- * 2 hours per subject
- Time limits on testing
- Matrix designed tests

- * Grade
 - appropriateness of tests and items
- Items targeted to GLCE's or Benchmarks
- Increase number of items (3 similar items/GLCE or benchmark)



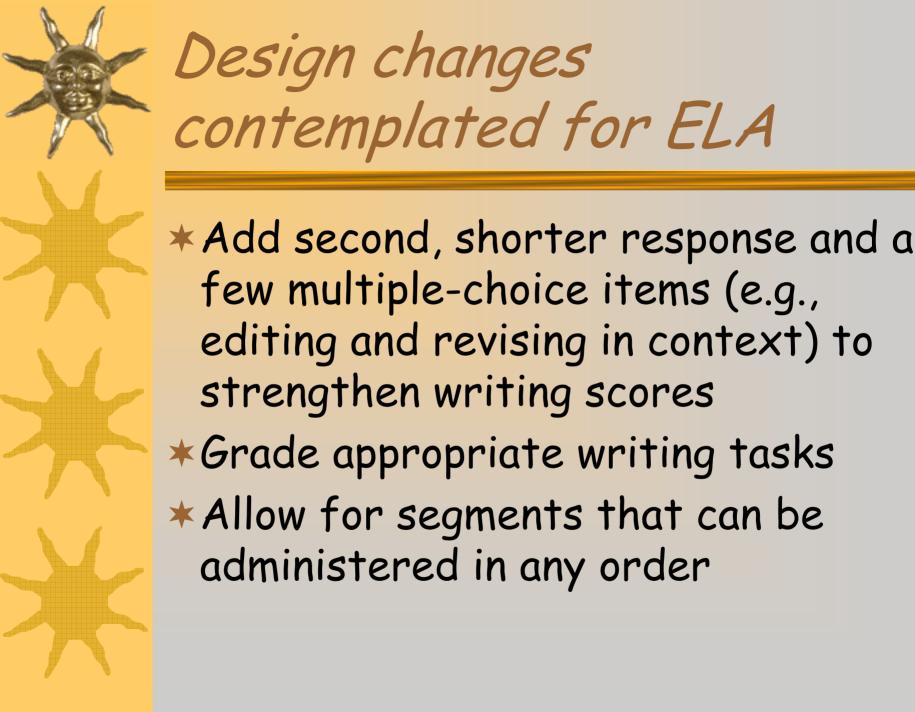


* More teachers involved in writing & editing items/tests * Equivalence of tests cycle to cycle *****Report revisions *No more additional sheets for any Constructed or Extended response items

Design changes considered for Mathematics

* Calculator Use: Prohibited on some parts of test, permitted on others; no memory, no communication devices

- *Continue:
 - Reference sheets where Grade appropriate
 - Measurement and grid tools





Design changes contemplated for ELA

*Discontinue organization of entire test forms around single themes

Continue to assess themes within texts and across pairs of texts.

*Increase the number of reading texts on a single form



Current thinking: Redesign of Science & Social Studies

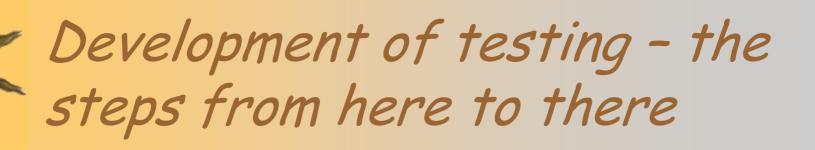
* Be consistent with previous principles

* Proposal: Science tested at grades 5 and 8, Social Studies tested at grades 6 and 9

* GLCE's benchmarks ??? A curriculum decision first



HERE = ELA and Math GLCE's** disseminated March 30, 2004 ***Resolve Science & Social Studies** questions * Develop GLCE codes & recode items **Inventory and Develop new items * Analyze Current benchmarks vs. GLCÉ's



- *Define items as CORE, extended, or future core
- *****Redesign test formats
- *Pilot testing (Next Year 2004-2005)
- *Federal approval

* THERE = operational tests ELA and Math (2005-6) Science (2007-8)



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