Spring Certification Tool Training

FAQs

Q: Can students be distanced 3.3 feet away from each other in the testing rooms?

A: Direction from School Operations was social distancing at 6 feet whenever possible, as per CDC guidelines. Please confer with your school administrator for any required adjustment of that guideline to 1 meter, as per the WHO.

Q: How will an Infrastructure Trial be conducted on school-issued laptops?

A: Students will have to bring the school-issued laptop into the building so that it has the most recent secure browser installed and an Infrastructure Trial is conducted on it.

Q: Can a student's personal laptop/device be considered for testing?

A: No, personal laptops/devices will not be allowed to be used for testing.

Q: Should the Certification Tool be completed with the number of laptops/devices that have been deployed to students for virtual learning?

A: There is a separate row for a count of those laptops/devices that have been deployed to students for virtual learning. You may consider deployed devices in the bottom testing room/computer section, if

needed to carry out testing. However, please consider the need for repairs or for students who do not bring the laptop in for testing.

Q: Will the Certification Tool be counting device availability for the Spring 2021 Retake or the Spring 2021 FSA ELA Writing administration?

A: No. The Certification Tool will only be counting device availability for FSA ELA Reading Grades 7 – 10, FSA Math Grades 7 – 8, FSA Algebra I EOC, FSA Geometry EOC, NGSSS Civics EOC, NGSSS Biology I EOC, and NGSSS US History EOC. However, you could make a copy of the worksheet to use to plan those administrations if you find it useful.

Q: Why do elementary schools need to complete the Certification Tool if all testing is paper-based?

A: Elementary schools must fill out the Certification Tool to account for device availability for AP 2 and 3 i-Ready testing.

Q: All of the school laptops/devices have been checked out to students. What option do we have for testing?

A: You can complete Row 18 to request more devices on the Certification Tool, but you will also need to consider having students bring in the deployed devices. Keep in mind that there needs to be explicit justification of what is needed and why it is needed. The tool will be reviewed by the Region and Instructional Technology. **This is not a promise that more devices will be provided to the school.**

Q: If a student is in the Schoolhouse model and they bring in their school-issued laptop/device every day, is it considered a "deployed device"?

A: Yes. If the student takes the laptop/device home with them every day after school, the device is considered a "deployed device".