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To: Superintendents

From: Roger Sampson, Commissioner 

Date: December 21, 2005

Subject: Revised Statewide Five-Year Testing Window

Attached is a copy of the revised five-year testing calendar, which documents the dates the state intends to test students through school year 2009-2010. The new calendar was presented to the State Board of Education & Early Development during the December 2005 meeting. The calendar provides clear communication to the public and to Alaska's school districts regarding the planned testing dates.

Please note that the department revised the date for the fall administration of the High School Graduation Qualifying Examination in 2008-2009 to avoid conflict with a major religious holiday. The department is sensitive to the needs of all students and stakeholders in the educational process in Alaska, and will continue our efforts to recognize this within our testing calendar planning.

Please use this calendar in planning your future calendars. Also, please be mindful of significant events and holidays for groups or people who live within your communities when you plan your district calendars.

If you have any questions regarding testing dates, please contact Les Morse, Director of Assessment & Accountability, at 465-8691.

Attachment: Five-year Test Window Calendar, 2 pages

cc: District Test Coordinators

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development 5-Year Test Window Calendar

2005-2006		
Date	Assessment Name	Grade Levels
Due to EED November 1, 2005	Kindergarten Developmental Profile	K-1
October 4-6, 2005	HSGQE Fall Retake	11,12,12+adult
October 3, 2005 – April 4, 2006	Alternate Assessment	3-10
January 31 – February 20, 2006	Norm-Referenced Assessment: TerraNova Cat/6	5,7
March 1 – April 30, 2006	English Language Proficiency Assessment	K-12
April 4-6, 2006	HSGQE Spring Retake	11,12,12+adult
April 4-6, 2006	Combined SBA-HSGQE	10 only
April 3-17, 2006	Standards Based Assessments (SBA)	3-9
February 15 – March 15, 2006	Science Pilot Test	Selected sites

2006-2007		
Date	Assessment Name	Grade Levels
Due to EED November 1, 2006	Kindergarten Developmental Profile	K-1
October 3-5, 2006	HSGQE Fall Retake	11,12,12+adult
January 22 – March 9, 2007	National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)	Selected sites
January 30 – February 19, 2007	Norm-Referenced Assessment: TerraNova Cat/6	5,7
<i>Test and test window will be established based on new contract.</i>	Alternate Assessment	3-10
March 1 – April 30, 2007	English Language Proficiency Assessment	K-12
April 3-5, 2007	HSGQE Spring Retake	11,12,12+adult
April 3-5, 2007	Combined SBA-HSGQE	10 only
April 2-16, 2007	Standards Based Assessments (SBA)	3-9
April 2-16, 2007	Science Assessment (stand-alone field tests)	Selected sites

Tentative 2007-2008		
Date	Assessment Name	Grade Levels
Due to EED November 1, 2007	Kindergarten Developmental Profile	K-1
October 2-4, 2007	HSGQE Fall Retake	11,12,12+adult
<i>Tests and test windows will be established based on new contract.</i>	Norm-Referenced Assessment	5,7
	Alternate Assessment	3-10
March 1 – April 30, 2008	English Language Proficiency Assessment	K-12
April 1-3, 2008	HSGQE Spring Retake	11,12,12+adult
April 1-3, 2008	Combined SBA-HSGQE	10 only
March 31 – April 14, 2008	Standards Based Assessments (SBA)	3-9
March 31 – April 14, 2008	Science Assessment	4,8,10

Tentative 2008-2009		
Date	Assessment Name	Grade Levels
Due to EED November 4, 2008	Kindergarten Developmental Profile	K-1
October 14-16, 2008	HSGQE Fall Retake	11,12,12+adult
<i>Tests and test windows will be established based on new contract.</i>	Norm-Referenced Assessment	5,7
	Alternate Assessment	3-10
January 26 – March 7, 2009	National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)	Selected sites
March 1 – April 30, 2009	English Language Proficiency Assessment	K-12
April 7-9, 2009	HSGQE Spring Retake	11,12,12+adult
April 7-9, 2009	Combined SBA-HSGQE	10 only
April 6 – April 20, 2009	Standards Based Assessments (SBA)	3-9
April 6 – April 20, 2009	Science Assessment	4,8,10

Tentative 2009-2010		
Date	Assessment Name	Grade Levels
Due to EED November 2, 2009	Kindergarten Developmental Profile	K-1
October 6-8, 2009	HSGQE Fall Retake	11,12,12+adult
<i>Tests and test windows will be established based on new contract.</i>	Norm-Referenced Assessment	5,7
	Alternate Assessment	3-10
March 1 – April 30, 2010	English Language Proficiency Assessment	K-12
April 6-8, 2010	HSGQE Spring Retake	11,12,12+adult
April 6-8, 2010	Combined SBA-HSGQE	10 only
April 5 – April 19, 2010	Standards Based Assessments (SBA)	3-9
April 5 – April 19, 2010	Science Assessment	4,8,10