**Questions & Answers**

**Assessment Office Hours**

**March 26, 2021**

# NAEP

**Are we legally allowed to ask the question about vaccination status [on the NAEP survey?]**

Regarding the Vaccination Rate question, there is no HIPPA violation since there is no association with an individual teacher and/or grade. Please provide your best estimate of the percentage of teachers vaccinated prior to the date provided in the survey. The Biden Administration is using the response to this question to monitor the vaccination of educators.

# New Meridian

**Will our tech coordinators be able to use Clever to upload student data for New Meridian?**

The Maine DOE will provide student enrollment data files to New Meridian. Schools will be able to create “classes” or proctor sessions within the New Meridian portal, however the use of Clever for rostering will not be supported at this time. This is being examined for future administrations.

**For both the NWEA and New Meridian assessments, will test administrators and proctors be required to watch test administration videos and sign the [security agreement] forms that indicate they have been trained like we did with eMPowerME and SATs?**

The Department will return to this question in an upcoming session. As a reminder, the onboarding training for NWEA will begin on March 22nd and is required for all new users.

# NWEA

**Will our tech coordinators be able to use Clever to roster students in the NWEA platform?**

Schools will be able to roster students within the NWEA portal, however the use of Clever for rostering will not be supported at this time. The use of Clever is being examined for utilization beginning in Fall 2021.

**Will the upload that DAC’s are working on for NWEA also be used for the Science upload as well?**

NWEA is a district level platform, so there is more district involvement in the rostering of students. The Department is working to get districts a file that they can utilize in NEO, which includes students required to test by eligible grades, that districts can then take and add students in non-required grade levels that they wish to assess.

The New Meridian platform is administered at the state level, and DOE will be providing to New Meridian a roster of eligible students. Districts will have minimal interaction with that process until it is time to create classes and group students.

**Even though there aren’t dates determined yet, are you able to share how long training for test administrators and coordinators will take?**

The information regarding NWEA trainings / timing is available on the [NWEA](https://www.maine.gov/doe/Testing_Accountability/MECAS/NWEA) page of the Maine DOE website. New Meridian [tentative] training dates have now been shared with the field (ppt slide deck for 3/26/21) but we do not have the information as to the length of the sessions yet.

**How do the accommodations work for both Science and NWEA?**

Maine DOE is currently in the process of completing a reconciliation between NWEA and New Meridian offered accommodations and state policy. As soon as that information becomes available it will be shared with the field.

In NWEA, after a proctor session has been created, the accommodation is added to the student’s profile and must be completed before the assessment starts. The DAC, teacher, or assessment proctor can add accommodations for students. This is a manual process.

**Are there PD opportunities for existing users that are not full?**

The onboarding trainings, which began this week, are optional for experienced users. These sessions are required for new users and are not full. The remote session next week is full but will be recorded for the field. This is the only session that is restricted in attendance, and it is geared towards those who are planning for the broad remote implementation. DOE is also in talks with NWEA to possibly offer this session a second time. DOE recognizes the need for development in remote administration for both new and experienced NWEA users.