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**MontCAS
Montana Comprehensive Assessment System
October 2010 Reminders**



2010-2011 Statewide Assessment Schedule

Oct. 18 – Nov. 19, 2010	English Language Proficiency Test, Grades K-12 Please contact Karen Richem with questions 406-444-0748 krichem@mt.gov
January 20 - 21, 2011	OPI Assessment Conference, Billings
January 25 – February 28, 2011	NAEP, Grades 4 and 8, Reading and Math
February 9 - March 24, 2011	CRT-Alternate, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science
March 1 – March 24, 2011	CRT, Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math; Grades 4, 8, and 10, Science



**Registration of Students Eligible for the CRT-Alternate
Information and registration instructions**

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/CRT/TA/11Registering-Students-CRTAlt-DRAFT2.pdf>
<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/NewsLetters/Aug10JUMP.pdf> , page 4

Registration windows

October 11 - December 1, 2010	For students currently enrolled in your school
January 3 – January 14, 2011	For students who enroll in your school after December 2, 2010
After January 15, 2011	For students who enroll after January 15, 2011, please contact Judy Snow, 406-444-3656 jsnow@mt.gov



2011 OPI Assessment Conference: *On the Horizon*

Paul Andersen, 2011 Montana Teacher of the Year, will open the conference with a keynote address on Thursday, January 20:

Motivating Students in the 21st Century

Paul Andersen is a science teacher and technology specialist at Bozeman High School. Joules Kilmurray, a senior at Bozeman High School, will provide the student perspective.

- Information about Paul Andersen can be found at the following link:
http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_5
- January 20-21, 2011, Billings Hotel and Convention Center, Billings, Montana.
- Sessions on assessment and data topics and training for the 2011 MontCAS CRT test administration.
- Begins with registration and breakfast at 7:15 am on Thursday, January 20 and concludes after lunch at 1:30 pm on Friday, January 21.
- Breakfasts, lunches, and breaks will be provided.
- A block of rooms at a special rate at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center has been reserved. Please contact the Hotel to make your reservation:
 - 1-800-537-7286 or <http://www.billingshotel.net>
 - The group code is OPI11 and must be included in your reservation to receive the conference rate.
- Early registration fee is \$65. Starting January 7, the registration fee is \$75.
- Please go online to register.
https://toto.msu.montana.edu/cs/opi_horizon/registration
- Conference support is provided by Montana State University Conference Services. Please contact them at 406-994-3333 or stephanie.stratton@montana.edu with any registration questions.
- Refunds for registration must be requested in writing. Full refunds will be offered until January 1. After January 1, a \$25 cancellation fee will be charged.
No refunds will be approved for requests received after January 14, 2011.

Montana educators are invited to submit proposals for presentations by December 22, 2010 at the following site:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/curriculum/MontCAS/#p7GPc1_5



Large Print Versions of the CRT

- System test coordinators order the large print versions online
<http://iservices.measuredprogress.org>
The link will be activated on November 5, 2010
 - Choose Montana and click Enter
 - Choose "Order Large Print Test Booklets"
- You will need state student ID, grade, and school for each student requiring the large print version.
- **Order deadline: January 7, 2011.**



Braille Versions of the CRT

- The CRT is available in a Braille version, but because it is a lengthy process to produce the Braille version, all orders for it must be complete by November 5, 2009.
- Please check with your Special Education Directors/teachers and schools to determine if you have a student (s) in your system who requires the Braille version in grades 3 - 8 or 10.
- **Order deadline: November 5, 2010.** Please contact Gayle Allen at OPI (406-444-3511 or gallen2@mt.gov) with the following information: state student ID, grade, school, number of copies for each. To ensure student privacy, please do not include the name of the student. Thank you.



Register to Participate in Test Development Projects

2010-2011 Test Development Events		
Date	Event	Participants
November 16-17, 2010	CRT Passage Review	Elementary middle school and high school teachers including special education and LEP teachers
April 18, 2011	CRT Bias Review	Elementary middle school and high school teachers including special education and LEP teachers
April 19-20, 2011	CRT Item Review	Reading and Math teachers, grades 3-8 and 10 Science teachers, grades 4, 8, and 10
June 28-29, 2011	CRT Field Test Statistical Review	Reading and Math teachers, grades 3-8 and 10 Science teachers, grades 4, 8, and 10

- The events listed in the above table provide an opportunity for Montana educators to participate in the continuous development of items for the CRT.
- You are invited to nominate yourself and/or a colleague to participate in CRT development sessions in Helena.
- Training is included at each session.
- Lodging is provided for participants living 90 miles or more from Helena. In addition, mileage, meals not provided during the sessions, and substitute pay are reimbursed. Renewal units are also available. For the June meetings, honoraria are provided.
- We look forward to hearing from you soon. Nomination is online at the following link:

<http://iservices.measuredprogress.org/Default.asp?ProgramID=11&submit1=Enter>



Testing Contractor Contact Information

The CRT and the CRT-Alternate – Measured Progress, Inc.

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Tim Greenlaw, Montana CRT-Alternate Program Manager
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800-431-8901x2309

English Language Proficiency (ELP) – Questar Assessment Inc.

BJ Vickery, Program Manager
bjvickery@questarai.com or 888-854-9596



The August 2010 *JUMP* contains important schedules, timelines, and information. It is suggested that it be saved and printed. Thank you.

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/Assessment/NewsLetters/Aug10JUMP.pdf>

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