

# 2020–2021 School Year | MontCAS Monthly Webinar Schedule

It is the policy of the Assessment Unit to adhere to the **Monthly MontCAS Webinar Series** to offer Zoom meetings for System Test Coordinators (STC) and other educational practitioners to share resources on balanced assessments systems and strategies for implementing high-quality local assessment/data literacy practices including (but not limited to) creating local cultures and climates around data-driven decision-making. A total of 11 webinars will be offered during the 2020–2021 school year from August 2020 to June 2021.

2020 Schedule			
Date	Day	Time	Topic Focus
August 2020	Wednesday August 26	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Program Enhancements for 2020–2021</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What's on the Horizon? What's New?</li> <li>Quick Start Videos</li> <li>Tools and Resources Available to You</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Duane Schlabach and Assessment Team
September 2020	Wednesday September 16	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>ACCESS for ELLs Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Screener (English Learner Identification) and Best Practices</li> <li> Remote Resources and Supports</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Jacob Barto
October 2020	Wednesday October 14	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Montana's Balanced Assessment System</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is Balanced?</li> <li>Using the Interims and Why: Math, ELA, and Science</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Duane Schlabach and Nathan Miller
November 2020	Wednesday November 11	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>System Access Across Assessments and Setup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Practices for Setting Up Access</li> <li>What are the Test Delivery Portals? What is Available on the Portals? Who Controls Access?</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Marcy Fortner
December 2020	Wednesday December 9	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Gearing Up for Winter Activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WIDA Testing and Monitoring – Be Active</li> <li>ASSIST Conference: Remote Tools and What to Expect?</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Jacob Barto, Ashley McGrath, and Marcy Fortner
2021 Schedule			
Date	Day	Time	Topic Focus
January 2021	Wednesday January 13	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Suggested Planning Aids and Schedule Resources</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best Practices for Gaining Comfort and Familiarity</li> <li>Building Teams and Practicing</li> <li>Creating Testing Schedules Using Average Testing Times</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Duane Schlabach and Nathan Miller
February 2021	Wednesday February 17	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Meaningful Participation and Student Supports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What is the Three-Tiered Approach?</li> <li>Supports and Tools for Usability, Access, and Equity</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Duane Schlabach and Assessment Team
March 2021	Wednesday March 17	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Local Test Administration Monitoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Best Practices for Monitoring Systems</li> <li>Tips on How Ensure Fidelity and Standardization</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Ashley McGrath
April 2021	Wednesday April 14	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>MontCAS Required Reporting and Summaries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of Test Security and Meeting Deadlines for Reporting.</li> <li>Grand Tour: Incidents, Medical Exemptions, etc.</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Marcy Fortner and Ashley McGrath
May 2021	Wednesday May 12	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Meaningful Score Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data-Driven Practices: Timely Access, Expanding Access and Utility, and Strategies on Delivering Score Reports.</li> <li>Best Practices for Notice: Requirements, Privacy Risks, and Purpose</li> <li>Promote Understanding: Parents Must Understand their Child's Content Knowledge and Progress.</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Duane Schlabach and Assessment Team
June 2021	Wednesday June 9	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>Educator Summer Opportunities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What Educator Opportunities Exist and What is Planned for the Summer?</li> <li>Learn How to Get Involved and Have a Voice in the Assessment Process.</li> </ul> <b>Presented By:</b> Nathan Miller and Assessment Team