



[Montana Alternative Student Testing Pilot \(MAST\) Update](#)

Overview

The Montana OPI is working to develop an improved assessment system that will accurately reflect the needs of our students, teachers, and administrators while providing useful flexibility in terms of test administration. The vision of the Montana Assessment Student Testing (MAST) Pilot is to implement “through year” assessments across the state that can eventually replace the traditional end-of-year state summative assessments and satisfy federal testing requirements.

The ultimate goal with the “**through year**” model is to support the formative instructional process that is closer to the local decisions required to support teaching and learning needs. Rather than a single end-of-year assessment, the test will be broken up over the course of the academic year.

The “**Through-Year Assessment**” design benefits students, teachers, parents, and administrators by providing actionable data at the beginning of the school year and by providing a meaningful model of student growth over the academic school year (i.e., with-in year so teachers can act as opposed to between years). Another goal for the design feature is to allow districts to **flexibly align testing with local scope and sequence** offering coherence with the taught curriculum.

To learn more about this initiative follow this [link](#).

[FAQ Document](#)

Key Dates:

Professional Development Sessions: All those administering the assessment should be available to attend one timeslot for each session. Recordings of each session will be made available to those who are unable to attend.

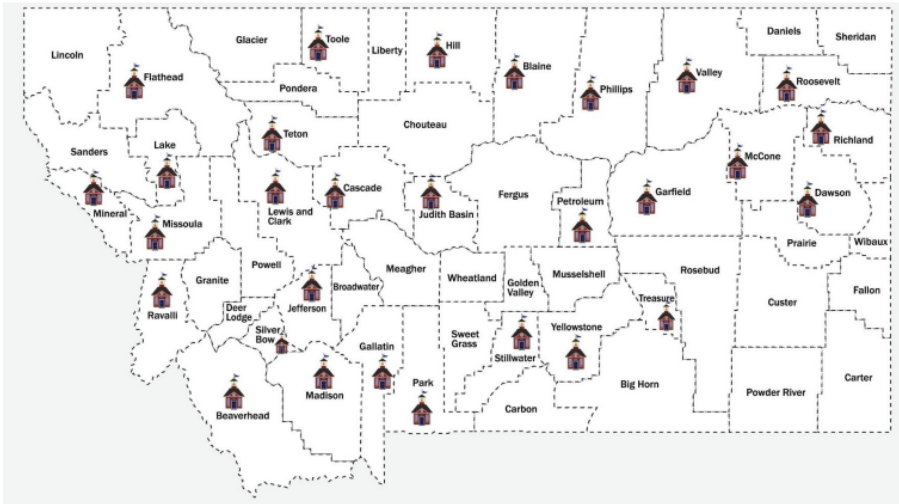
- Session 1 - **Preparation** for users and students.
 - **October 18** – 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - **October 26** - 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - Recording to be provided after first offering of session 1
- Session 2 – **Administration** including tutorial on KITE client (KITE is an administrative platform, similar to TIDE interface)
 - **October 26** – 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - **October 27** – 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.
 - Recording to be provided after first offering of session 2

Administration/Testing Windows:

- **November 7 –18, 2022:** Administration window #1
- **January 17-30, 2023:** Administration window #2
- **March, 2023:** Date TBD, Administration window #3
- **April, 2023:** Date TBD, Administration window #4



Participating Districts:



Participating School Districts by County (45)

Beaverhead County (1)	Garfield County (1)	Missoula County (1)	Stillwater County (1)
Blaine County (1)	Hill County (1)	Park County (1)	Teton County (1)
Carbon County (1)	Jefferson County (2)	Petroleum County (1)	Toole County (1)
Cascade County (1)	Judith Basin County (2)	Phillips County (1)	Treasure County (1)
Choteau County (1)	Lake County (2)	Ravalli County (3)	Valley County (1)
Dawson County (1)	Lewis and Clark County (2)	Richland County (2)	Yellowstone County (2)
Flathead County (6)	McCone County (1)	Roosevelt County (2)	
Gallatin County (2)	Mineral County (2)	Silver Bow (1)	

Participating Students:

<u>Test</u>	<u># Test Takers</u>
5th Grade ELA	2054
5th Grade Math	2142
7th Grade ELA	2340
7th Grade Math	2513

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