



Subject: Year 2 MAST Through-Year Pilot: Important Updates and Next Steps
2.16.24 Weekly MAST Newsletter

Live Listening/Feedback for Testing Window 3

We have designed user feedback cycles throughout the school year to ensure continuous improvement of the MAST. As a way to gather feedback from the *third testing window* please consider providing feedback in this [Window 3 MAST Feedback Survey](#).

Live listening/feedback sessions will continue to be scheduled following each testing window. These sessions will serve as an opportunity for users like you to share feedback, suggestions, and experiences to help us enhance the usability of the MAST. Teachers, administrators, test coordinators, IT personnel are all welcome to attend. Please forward this meeting link to all school stakeholders you feel appropriate to attend. We value your input and encourage you to participate in these live listening/feedback sessions. The third live listening/feedback session is scheduled for **February 20, 2024 from 3:30-4:30 pm**.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://mt-gov.zoom.us/j/84981061619?pwd=UUJscGJjMINkcUVUYjV0M2t3UXBBZz09>

Meeting ID: 849 8106 1619

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Headphones Needed for Specific Audio Supports in ELA Testlets

The following five ELA testlets administered throughout the year include audio assets and require the use of headphones:

Administration 3	Grade 7	Informational Testlet
Administration 5	Grade 4	Literature Testlet
Administration 5	Grade 5	Informational Testlet
Administration 5	Grade 6	Informational Testlet
Administration 5	Grade 8	Informational Testlet



Montana MAST Through-Year Assessment Summit

We are excited to extend an invitation to the first Montana MAST Through-Year Assessment Summit, scheduled for **February 27, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM**.

This virtual event is specifically designed for Montana school personnel involved in grades 3-8 assessments as part of the preparations for MAST statewide implementation in the 2024-2025 school year.

Event Highlights:

- Engaging discussions with keynote speakers from Education First, the Center for Assessment, and New Meridian.
- Topics ranging from the foundations of through-year assessments to Montana's MAST implementation.
- Participation-based sessions, role-alike discussions, and a panel on family engagement.
- Insights into educator engagement, score report development, accommodations, and instructional utility.

We believe this summit will provide valuable insights and enhance your understanding of through-year assessments. Please mark your calendar, and we look forward to your presence at this informative and collaborative summit. Navigate to the [MAST KickOff Virtual Event](#) page to find registration information, agendas, presenter bios, and more!

Testing Windows and Testlet Information

ELA Assessment Components:

- Six (6) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Performance Task (*administered exclusively in the 4th testing window*)

Math Assessment Components:

- Twelve (12) Standard Testlets
- One (1) Math Anchor (*referred to as T13 Anchor Testlet*)

Testing Window 1: 10/23 - 11/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 2: 11/27 - 12/15 (*only Math testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 3: 1/29 - 2/16 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

Testing Window 4: 3/11 - 4/5 (*Math and only ELA Performance Task delivered*)

Testing Window 5: 4/15 - 5/10 (*both Math and ELA testlets delivered*)

Sincerely,

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