

CHANGES TO NECAP DURING THE TRANSITION TO THE COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS

Over the course of the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 school years, districts across the four NECAP states will be transitioning to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). While the pace and sequencing of changes to curriculum and instruction will vary across districts and schools within and across the NECAP states, all four expect districts and schools to be prepared to fully implement the CCSS during the 2013-2014 school year. During the transition period the NECAP¹ Reading, Writing, and Mathematics tests will continue to be administered in the fall of 2012 and 2013 and will remain aligned with the current GLEs and GSEs.

The transition plan for the fall 2012 and fall 2013 NECAP tests follows a thorough comparison of the NECAP GLEs/GSEs and the CCSS. This plan has been reviewed by assessment specialists and content specialists from each NECAP state as well as by the states' assessment contractors and the NECAP Technical Advisory Committee. Throughout the process the goals were to be fair to educators and students during the transition and to maintain the quality of the information provided by the tests. The following comprises the highlights of the transition plan:

- ✓ There will be no changes to the GLEs/GSEs assessed on the NECAP Reading, Mathematics, and Writing tests in the fall of 2012.
- ✓ There will be no changes to the GLEs/GSEs assessed on the NECAP Reading and Writing tests in the fall of 2013
- ✓ There will be some changes to the GLEs assessed on the NECAP Mathematics tests in the fall of 2013. Due to differences with the CCSS, the following GLE's will NOT be assessed:

Grade	GLEs NOT Assessed in Fall 2013
3	DSP 2-4
4	DSP 3-5
5	DSP 4-4, DSP 4-5, and GM 4-5
6	DSP 5-5
7	DSP 6-4, DSP 6-5, FA 6-2, and GM 6-5
8	FA 7-2

These GLEs, which include concepts such as *probability*, *combinations*, *similarity*, and *rate of change*, will not be assessed in the fall of 2013 primarily because they have moved to a higher grade level in the CCSS.

- ✓ There are no changes to the **GSEs** assessed on the Grade 11 NECAP Mathematics tests in the fall of 2013.

The transition to the Common Core also means that some locally assessed GLEs² and GSEs may have shifted grades or been replaced in the standards. Districts and schools should review their local assessment policies to ensure that local assessments are aligned with curriculum and instruction during the transition to the CCSS.

Following full implementation of the CCSS during the 2013-2014 school year, districts and schools will have nearly two full years of instruction under the CCSS prior to the spring 2015 PARCC assessments designed to measure student achievement based on the CCSS.

Summary of changes to the GLEs/GSEs assessed on the NECAP Math, Reading, and Writing tests during the transition to the CCSS:

Test	Grades	Changes to GLEs/GSEs Assessed in Fall 2012	Changes to GLEs/GSEs Assessed in Fall 2013
NECAP <i>Reading</i>	3 through 8 and 11	None	None
NECAP <i>Writing</i>	5, 8, and 11	None	None
NECAP <i>Mathematics</i>	3 through 8 and 11	None	<i>See above for details</i>

¹ Because science is not impacted by the CCSS, there will be no changes to the NECAP Science tests.

² Examples include DSP3-4 and G5-5, which are locally-assessed GLEs not assessed on the NECAP tests.