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Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations

Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology

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DISTRICT AND SCHOOL TEST COORDINATORS' MANUAL

SECURITY WARNING

All test items used in the Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program are CONFIDENTIAL and must be kept secure at all times. NO PART of this test may be reviewed, duplicated, or reproduced by ANY means. All test booklets and used answer documents must be returned as directed.

Unauthorized use, review, duplication, or reproduction of ANY or ALL portions of the test booklets and answer documents is prohibited.

Important Dates

- January 18–19, 2011 Administration dates for Algebra I
- January 20–21, 2011 Administration dates for Geometry
- January 25–26, 2011 Administration dates for Biology
- January 25, 2011 Make-up test administrations for Algebra I must be completed
- January 27, 2011 Make-up test administrations for Geometry must be completed
- February 1, 2011 Make-up test administrations for Biology must be completed
- January 26, 2011 Answer documents for Algebra I must be shipped to Questar
- January 27, 2011 Test booklets for Algebra I must be shipped to Questar
- February 3, 2011 Answer documents for Geometry and Biology must be shipped to Questar
- February 4, 2011 Test booklets for Geometry and Biology must be shipped to Questar

The success of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations depends upon your assistance. The Arkansas Department of Education thanks you for your valuable assistance in administering this Mid-Year End-of-Course Examination.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

The **Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program (ACTAAP)** includes Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations for students completing Algebra I or the equivalent, Geometry or the equivalent, and Biology by the end of the first semester for high school graduation credit. Students in grade 9 and below during the 2009–2010 school year, who have previously taken the Algebra I End-of-Course Examination and did not score at the *Pass* level must complete remediation according to their IAIP Plan and may retest. Each examination consists of multiple-choice and open-response questions that directly assess student knowledge. The *Arkansas Algebra I* and *Geometry Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks* and the *Arkansas Biology Science Curriculum Framework* are the basis for development of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations.

Results of the examinations will be provided for all students, schools, and districts to be used as the basis for instructional change.

THIS DISTRICT AND SCHOOL TEST COORDINATORS' MANUAL

This manual contains general information related to the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations, information on key events related to the test administrations, and the overall administration schedules. It also contains specific instructions for District and School Test Coordinators, including procedures for the receipt and inventory of test materials, the distribution of materials to schools and to Test Administrators, and the return of materials. Specific information and instructions for Test Administrators are contained in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals for Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology.

District and School Test Coordinators should be familiar with the information contained in this manual and also with the information provided in the Test Administration Manual for each subject.

MID-YEAR END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATIONS CONTRACTOR

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) has contracted with Questar Assessment, Inc. (Questar) for the development, production, distribution, and collection of Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations materials. Materials will be shipped from and returned to Questar.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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2011 IMPORTANT DATES

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE MID-YEAR END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATIONS

Event	Date
Districts receive non-secure testing materials	January 4, 2011
Districts receive Algebra I secure testing materials and information needed to return Algebra I materials	January 5, 2011
Districts receive Geometry and Biology secure testing materials and information needed to return Geometry and Biology materials	January 11, 2011
Districts complete correction of student information for Algebra I and Geometry	January 14, 2011
Districts complete correction of student information for Biology	January 21, 2011
Districts administer the <i>Mid-Year Algebra I End-of-Course Examination</i>	January 18–19, 2011
Districts administer the <i>Mid-Year Geometry End-of-Course Examination</i>	January 20–21, 2011
Districts administer the <i>Mid-Year Biology End-of-Course Examination</i>	January 25–26, 2011
Districts complete Algebra I make-up testing, if necessary	January 25, 2011
Districts complete Geometry make-up testing, if necessary	January 27, 2011
Districts complete Biology make-up testing, if necessary	February 1, 2011
Deadline for districts to return Algebra I answer documents	January 26, 2011
Deadline for districts to return Geometry and Biology answer documents	February 3, 2011
Deadline for districts to return Algebra I test booklets	January 27, 2011
Deadline for districts to return Geometry and Biology test booklets	February 4, 2011

Testing shall be conducted on the dates given above. No part of the test may be given early. Early testing constitutes a breach of security. See the “Testing Guidelines and Security” section beginning on page 16 for more information about test security.

NEW FOR 2011

NEW—RETURN VERIFICATION

Districts are required to provide return verification information by fax or by entering the requested data on Questar’s ServicePoint Web site. Return verification information helps ensure test security and prompt follow-up should answer documents and/or test booklets not arrive at Questar by the expected date.

Answer Document and Test Booklet Return Verification Forms have been returned to Questar by fax in previous administrations of the End-of-Course Examinations. Questar will now be collecting return verification information via ServicePoint for districts who wish to use this new feature. A quick reference guide is provided in the shipment of district materials.

NEW—ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ORDERS

Please inventory all materials immediately when shipments are received. If additional materials are needed, the District Test Coordinator should place one order for all additional materials for the district. Beginning in 2010–2011, additional materials may be ordered through Questar’s ServicePoint Web site. A Quick Reference Guide with instructions for placing orders through ServicePoint will be included in the shipment of district materials. Questar will also continue to accept additional material orders by phone, e-mail, and fax.

NEW—STUDENT NOT TESTED FORM

A Student Not Tested Form is provided to districts and schools for students who received a Pre-ID label but will not be testing at mid-year. Place the Pre-ID label on the Student Not Tested Form and fill in the appropriate bubble above the label to indicate why the student did not test. Up to four (4) Pre-ID labels can be placed on a single form. Additional Student Not Tested Forms may be copied, as needed. See sample on page 63.

NEW—SUBJECTS IN EACH SHIPMENT

Shipments to and from districts will group Biology and Geometry materials together. Algebra I materials will be shipped to and from the district separately. Please note this change when packing return materials and return district and school materials as they were received—with Geometry and Biology materials together and Algebra I materials separate.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS TO BE TESTED

STUDENTS TO BE TESTED

The Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations should be administered to **all** students completing Algebra I or the equivalent, Geometry or the equivalent, or Biology for high school graduation credit who are eligible for testing under standardized conditions, with or without accommodations. A student enrolled in a course of study equivalent to Algebra I or Geometry that sequences the course content over a two-year period must test at the end of two years, regardless of whether or not the student has completed or passed the course. A student who completes a summer school or correspondence course also tests at mid-year. Any student who falls into this category and who is enrolled in an Arkansas school **on or before** the day of testing should be administered the appropriate Mid-Year End-of-Course Examination.

The *Mid-Year Algebra I End-of-Course Examination* should also be administered to students who were in grades 9 and below during the 2009–2010 school year or in grades 10 and below during 2010–2011 school year who meet **all** of the following requirements:

- have previously taken **one or two** Algebra I End-of-Course examinations and **have not scored** at the *Pass* level
- have completed remediation according to their IAIP
- have been determined by the district to be ready to take an Algebra I End-of-Course retest opportunity

All students, including the following, should be tested:

- Title I students—all students identified as Free and/or Reduced Lunch
- Transfer students—any student enrolled on or before the first day of testing must be tested
- LEP students—with or without accommodations
- Disabled students—if their IEP indicates testing is appropriate, with or without accommodations
- ALE students
- Foreign exchange students
- Day Treatment students

Exceptions

- Home-schooled students
- Home-bound students
- Incarcerated students
- Students in Residential Treatment Centers
- Students in Juvenile Detention Centers

It is important to know who should be tested. The Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations should be administered to all who can be tested under standardized conditions, with or without accommodations.

The following guidelines apply to exceptional students.

DISABLED STUDENTS (P.L. 94-142)

All students, including students identified as disabled pursuant to P.L. 94-142 and under section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, who are enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, and/or Biology for high school graduation credit must take the *Algebra I*, *Geometry*, and/or *Biology End-of-Course Examination*, with or without accommodations. Students enrolled in a grade 9 resource mathematics class must participate in the Alternate Portfolio Assessment for Grade 9 Mathematics. Students enrolled in a grade 10 resource science class must participate in the Alternate Portfolio Assessment for Grade 10 Science. Students in the School Age Programs (DDS) are to be tested. This requirement began with the 2002–2003 school year. Additionally, students in Day Treatment Programs are to be assessed (see Director’s Memo IA-04-110, created 05/13/2004).

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS TO BE TESTED

A student's Exceptional Student Identification (ESI) code must be coded in the "Teacher Use Only" Box on the student answer document, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used. This information is not included in the student label barcode or on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals and in Appendix D of this manual. Students identified as disabled will receive an Individual Student Report and will be included in the Special Education Summary Report, as well as in the Combined Population Report. Do not code the Special Education Accommodations section for 504 students. However, students may still receive accommodations that are in their 504 Plans and used regularly in the classroom.

LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) STUDENTS

Limited English Proficient students taking the *Mid-Year Algebra I*, *Geometry*, or *Biology End-of-Course Examination* should be tested, with or without accommodations.

Identification of a student as LEP is included in the student label barcode and on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. A student's LEP status does not need to be coded on the answer document if a student label is used. If a student label is not used for an LEP student, a Test Administrator must code the student's answer document by filling in the circle for Limited English Proficient in the "Teacher Use Only" Box. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals, in Appendix D of this manual, and on page 9 for updating student information. Students identified as LEP will receive an Individual Student Report and will be included in the Limited English Proficient Summary Report, as well as in the Combined Population Report.

FIRST-YEAR LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) STUDENTS

First-year LEP students are **not** exempt from the *Mid-Year Algebra I*, *Geometry*, or *Biology End-of-Course Examination*. First-year LEP students must be identified as such on their answer documents regardless of whether or not a student label is used. To identify first-year LEP students, Test Administrators must code each student's answer document by filling in the circle for LEP student less than one year in the U.S. in the "Teacher Use Only" Box. This information is **not** included in the student label barcode or on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals and in Appendix D of this manual. First-year LEP students whose answer documents have been properly coded will not be included in the AYP calculations for 2011. Once the answer documents are returned for scoring, students cannot be reassigned. If the circle for LEP student less than one year in the U.S. is **not** coded, that student will be included in the AYP calculations.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Any student meeting the criteria for taking the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations, who is enrolled in school **on or before** the first day of testing, should be tested. District Test Coordinators must call the ADE for instructions regarding the transfer of a used answer document for any student moving from one district to another during testing.

GUIDELINES FOR STUDENTS TO BE TESTED

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Foreign exchange students meeting the criteria for taking the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examination in Algebra I, Geometry, or Biology must be tested. A foreign exchange student may be coded as an LEP student less than one year in the U.S. in the “Teacher Use Only” Box. In this case, the student will receive a student report and will count toward the 95% tested for AYP purposes, but the student’s scores will not be included in school, district, or state summary reports. If the circle labeled LEP student less than one year in the U.S. is **not** coded, the student’s scores will be included in all reports. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in Appendix D of this manual.

MIGRANT STUDENTS

To identify migrant students, the Test Administrator must code each student’s answer document by filling in the circle for Migrant Student in the “Teacher Use Only” Box. This information is **not** included in the student label barcode or on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in the Test Administration Manuals and in Appendix D of this manual.

Students should be identified as migrant if they meet the following guidelines: Children of migratory agricultural workers or migratory fishers, including children who are workers themselves and the spouses of such workers, who have been identified by the Migrant Education Program (MEP) as migrant children.

For questions related to migrant student information, the District Test Coordinator should contact Stan Young at 501-324-9660.

HIGHLY MOBILE STUDENTS

Any student enrolled in the school or moving between schools in the district after October 1, 2010, should be identified as highly mobile.

To identify highly mobile students, Test Administrators must code each student’s answer document by filling in the circle for Highly Mobile in the “Teacher Use Only” Box. This information is **not** included in the student label barcode or on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. Specific directions for coding student answer documents are provided in the Test Administration Manuals and in Appendix D of this manual.

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Alternative Learning Environment students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, or Biology shall participate in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations. The testing location may be decided by the district. Test Administrators must be **currently** licensed by the Arkansas Department of Education as a teacher or administrator and must be properly trained in test administration procedures. Testing materials must be kept secure at all times.

STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS

A 10-digit State Reporting Identification Number is required for the ACTAAP and is included on the student label. If a student label is not used, both a 10-digit State Reporting Identification Number* and a Social Security Number (SS ID) need to be completed on the student answer document. The Arkansas Department of Education will provide districts with a range of federally-assigned identification numbers to use if parents object to providing their child's Social Security Number or if none is available. (See Director's Memo ACC-01-028, created September 25, 2000). Social Security Numbers or federally-assigned identification numbers will be suppressed on reports. As part of the advance announcement of testing, students should be advised to have their 10-digit State Reporting Identification Numbers and Social Security Numbers or federally-assigned identification numbers available on the day of testing. Please contact Susan Gray at the Arkansas Department of Education at 501-682-4559 for additional information.

*If a student is new to the state of Arkansas and does not have a 10-digit State Reporting Identification Number, this section may be left blank.

ETHNICITY CODES

If a student label is not used, students should fill in the circle(s) on the answer document in Box 7 "Ethnic Background" beside the best description(s) of his/her ethnic background. Students may fill in more than one circle when it is appropriate to do so. The Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters will show only one ethnicity code. If a student's record in APSCN/TRIAND shows Hispanic and any additional ethnicity code, the ethnicity code on the roster will show "Hispanic." If a student's record in APSCN/TRIAND shows two or more ethnicity codes not including Hispanic, the ethnicity code on the roster will show "Two or More." The new ethnicity codes are as follows:

1. Hispanic
2. Asian
3. Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
4. American Indian/Alaskan Native
5. Black
6. White
7. Two or More (included only on the roster)

Students will be reported with only one ethnicity code. If a student has filled in the circle next to Hispanic and any additional ethnicity code, the student will be reported as "Hispanic." If a student has filled in the circles next to two or more ethnicity codes not including Hispanic, the student will be reported as "Two or More." The ethnicity code filled in on the answer document should match the student's ethnicity code in APSCN/TRIAND.

STUDENTS NOT TESTED

Every student who was scheduled to test at mid-year and/or received a student label must be accounted for. If a student does not submit an answer document for scoring, a Student Not Tested Form **or** answer document must be returned with a student not tested reason coded. Do not submit both documents for one student. If a student was scheduled to test and did not receive a student label, an answer document must be returned with student demographic information complete **and** a not tested reason coded on page 2. **Note:** Do not fill in a “Student NOT Tested” reason code on the answer document if any questions have been answered by the student—this code is only used when there are no student answers on the answer document.

A Student Not Tested Form should be used, prior to testing, when a student who received a student label will not be taking the examination. The student labels for students not testing should be placed on the Student Not Tested Form with the appropriate reason code entered above each student label. Up to 4 student labels may be placed on a single form. Each district and school will receive one copy of the form and may make additional copies as needed. Please follow the instructions provided in the manuals and return kits for returning the Student Not Tested Forms.

For a student who refused to take **all** portions of the test, Test Administrators should fill in the circle next to SRT (Student Refused to Test) on page 2 of the answer document. Student Refused to Test is not a reason provided on the Student Not Tested Form. The Test Administrator must notify the School Test Coordinator of any student refusing to take **all** portions of the test.

If the reason a student did not test is not listed on the answer document, or if a student refused to take **all** portions of the test, the District Test Coordinator must contact the Arkansas Department of Education for further instructions. Testing procedures for the district must include the manner in which the District Test Coordinator will be notified.

All other information requested on the front of the answer document must be completed as appropriate for the student according to the instructions provided in the Test Administration Manuals (student labels must be used if provided). No special handling of the answer documents is required. They are to be considered **used** answer documents and submitted along with the answer documents for students taking the test.

Erasures

If a “Student NOT Tested” reason code has been filled in on an answer document, the student answer portion of the answer document must be completely blank and contain no eraser marks. Eraser marks may be picked up by the scanners resulting in the student receiving a score. Answer documents that are returned with a filled in “Student NOT Tested” reason code and one or more student answers and/or any eraser marks on the student answer portion of the answer document will be scored and included in all reports.

VERIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT INFORMATION FROM APSCN/TRIAND

Student information used to place students in the appropriate reporting categories to determine the school and district Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for No Child Left Behind and for the state accountability system will be pulled from APSCN/TRIAND and is provided to Questar for reporting purposes. Student information in APSCN/TRIAND is being pulled twice. Data from the first pull are being used to produce the Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters and student labels. Data for reporting purposes are being pulled shortly after the deadline for correcting student information. See dates below.

The updated/corrected information in APSCN/TRIAND will **override** information in student labels and filled in on student answer documents (with the exception of the sections of the “Teacher Use Only” Box denoted with an asterisk that need to be completed by the Test Administrator). Therefore, it is critical that student information be verified and corrected as needed within the allotted time frame.

IMPORTANT: Student information for reporting purposes will be pulled from APSCN/TRIAND by the end of the day on Friday, January 14, 2011, for the *Mid-Year Algebra I and Geometry End-of-Course Examinations*, and by the end of the day on Friday, January 21, 2011, for the *Mid-Year Biology End-of-Course Examination*. Students will be reported according to the information in the system when the data are pulled and any incorrect information CANNOT be changed after this point.

Student Retest information is included on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster; however, it is not located in APSCN/TRIAND. If Student Retest information is incorrect on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster, you must contact Dr. Neal Gibson (Neal.Gibson@arkansas.gov) or Dr. Greg Holland (Greg.Holland@arkansas.gov) no later than Friday, January 14, 2011, to resolve any discrepancies.

PRELIMINARY DEMOGRAPHIC VERIFICATION ROSTER

A Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster will be provided by subject to each school; districts will be provided with copies for each school within the district where students are being tested. The roster contains the following information for each student as it appears in APSCN/TRIAND: student name, grade, birth date, State Reporting Identification Number, SS ID, gender, ethnicity, Monitored Former LEP status, LEP status, Free and/or Reduced Lunch status, Gifted and Talented status, and Student Retest (Algebra I only). The rosters should be used to verify the correctness of student information in APSCN/TRIAND. Do **not** use the student labels for verification purposes (the rosters contain additional information not visible on the student labels).

All information on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster must be checked carefully. If any of the information on the roster is not correct, it **must** be updated in APSCN/TRIAND by the end of the day on **Friday, January 14, 2011, for Algebra I and Geometry, and Friday, January 21, 2011, for Biology.**

VERIFICATION AND CORRECTION OF STUDENT INFORMATION

STUDENT LABELS

Student labels are provided for use on answer documents so that student information will not need to be entered and coded for students for whom labels have been provided. The labels will contain district and school information, the student's name, State Reporting Identification Number, Student Retest status, birth date, gender, ethnicity, grade, and subject. Additional student information is provided on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster, which is to be used for verifying that student information is correct.

The student labels will be provided to each school in alphabetical order by student last name and will need to be separated and sorted by testing classroom/group. Labels are provided on perforated strips to facilitate the separation of individual labels. If a label is torn or damaged during the separation process, do **not** use it. Instead, enter and code Boxes 1–8 on the answer document for that student.

It is extremely important that labels be affixed correctly so that the scanning equipment can properly read the barcode. Labels must be carefully and precisely affixed within the dotted lines on the left side of the answer document (or within the dotted lines on the Student Not Tested Form). The top of the label should be aligned with the triangular marks (the label will partially cover the student name grid on the answer document). Do **not** apply the student label to Box 1. Student information cannot be captured if the label is not applied in the correct space. For students not tested, the student label should be aligned in the box on the Student Not Tested Form.

Information requested in Box 1 (District/School/Class Information) **must** be entered (either by the student prior to the start of testing on Day 1 or by the Test Administrator prior to distributing answer documents to students). If a label is used, only the Classroom/Group Name field in Box 1 must be completed.

Incorrect Labels

If provided, student labels **must** be used even if some of the information in the student label barcode is not correct. Student label information will be used to match students to the appropriate, corrected record in APSCN/TRIAND. If a student label is not provided or a label is damaged, Boxes 1–8 on the answer document must be completed by the student or Test Administrator.

Students NOT Listed on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster/No Student Label

Complete Boxes 1–8 on the front of the answer document when there is no student label provided. If a student is not listed on the roster, check to see if the student's information is in APSCN/TRIAND, verify, and make corrections as necessary. If a student is not listed on the roster and there is no information in APSCN/TRIAND, verify that the student information on the answer document is complete and add or correct the student's information in APSCN/TRIAND.

NOTE: Both the Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters and student labels contain confidential student information and must be handled accordingly. When not in use, they must be kept in a secure location. Rosters and damaged student labels must either be shredded or otherwise disposed of in a secure manner.

See Appendix D of this manual for instructions for completing the “Teacher Use Only” Box. An asterisk indicates that a section needs to be completed regardless of whether or not a student label is used.

PROCEDURES PRIOR TO TEST ADMINISTRATION

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

An announcement of testing dates and a reminder before the first day of testing is necessary. Testing dates should be made known to parents and students in advance so that students come to school well-rested and equipped with two No. 2 pencils on the days of the test. It is recommended that Parent Notification Pamphlets (A Note to Parents) be distributed to parents two weeks prior to testing. Parent Notification Pamphlets are included in the non-secure test materials shipments (Shipments 1 and 2).

There should also be an advance announcement to students that they should bring calculators*, if calculators are not provided by the school, and to have their Social Security Numbers or federally-assigned identification numbers and State Reporting Identification Numbers available on the first day of testing. The use of a Social Security Number (SS ID) or a federally-assigned identification number and a State Reporting Identification Number is required for student demographic information if a student label is not used. See page 7 of this manual for information about the use of Social Security Numbers and State Reporting Identification Numbers for student identification purposes. **Note:** If a student label is used, a Social Security Number is not required.

*No calculators are allowed for students taking the *Mid-Year Biology End-of-Course Examination*.

PREPARING STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS

Student, parent, and teacher attitudes strongly influence the overall success of the test administration. Parent and teacher attitudes influence student attitudes which, in turn, will be reflected in student performance results. There are a number of reasons why students bring negative attitudes to the testing process, many of which can be directly linked to the attitudes of the adults who are supposed to be supporting student success. The following is a partial list of attitudes, perceptions, or circumstances that will significantly impact the test results:

- The testing program lacks importance (to students or parents).
- The tests are too difficult or too easy.
- The tests do not reflect what the student needs to know to be prepared for the future.
- Teachers do not seem to care.
- Parents do not seem to care.
- Testing conditions are not conducive to good concentration.
- The test administration is poorly organized, confusing, or haphazard.
- Test results are misunderstood or misinterpreted.

In order to mitigate these perceptions, it is essential that District and School Test Coordinators, Test Administrators, and all district personnel work together to provide a testing experience that maximizes student performance results. It is important that district staff model behaviors that demonstrate positive and constructive attitudes toward testing. The following preparations should also be instituted:

- Stress the importance of the examinations to both students and parents well in advance of testing.
- Stress the importance of the examinations to teachers well in advance of testing.
- Underscore the importance of testing by characterizing the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations as crucial components of education within Arkansas that reflect the types of skills deemed necessary for a successful educational experience.

PROCEDURES PRIOR TO TEST ADMINISTRATION

TRAINING TEST ADMINISTRATORS

District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, and Test Administrators, as well as all personnel who administer the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations and/or act in a supervisory capacity during the testing, must be **currently** licensed by the ADE as Arkansas teachers or administrators. An essential role for the District and School Test Coordinators is training the Test Administrators. This training is required by law and helps to overcome some of the negative perceptions about testing.

The district must develop and conduct training sessions for Test Administrators prior to the test administrations. The three (3) Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals should be distributed upon receipt so that Test Administrators may review them prior to training. Test Administrators should have the opportunity to obtain answers to questions they may have at a formal training session. A formal training session should be held at least three (3) days prior to testing and should include a review of the following:

- the testing schedule, testing procedures, and Test Administrator responsibilities
- the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals
- students to be tested and how to appropriately provide accommodations for testing
- preparation of materials prior to and after testing
- the dates by which materials must be prepared for testing and returned to the School Test Coordinator
- all security requirements to be followed prior to, during, and after testing
- testing group size—there should be one Test Administrator appointed for each group of approximately 25 students

Appendix C contains an outline of a suggested training agenda.

SELECTING AND PREPARING TEST ADMINISTRATION SITE(S)

Because the administration of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations requires that a substantial amount of testing be done in just a few days, preparation for the receipt of materials, test administration, and return of materials is critical. **Since students must use the SAME test booklet and answer document each day of the test, it is strongly advised that students be tested in the same group each day. This should be taken into consideration when selecting a site.**

Each District Test Coordinator must work with the Building Principal or School Test Coordinator to identify the testing arrangements that will best

- maintain the security of the test materials before, during, and after testing;
- allow materials to be quickly and accurately distributed to and collected from students each day of testing;
- provide an environment for the students that is comfortable and conducive to testing;
- ensure that students are not interrupted during a testing session.

Some guidelines that can be used in selecting a test administration site are to

- choose the administration site well in advance of testing;
- make sure the room is well-lighted, adequately ventilated, and free from distractions;
- make sure each student has enough space to work (i.e., space to open a test booklet, to open and write in an answer document, and to use a calculator);
- make sure there will be sufficient space between students to discourage cheating.

Just prior to testing, Test Administrators should prepare the administration site by

- removing or covering all visual aids in the room that might provide clues to answers;
- posting a sign announcing: “TESTING: PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB.”

OVERVIEW OF TESTING MATERIALS

NON-SECURE TEST MATERIALS

The following materials are packaged for the district and by school and will arrive in separate shipments for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology. Each school's materials will be boxed and labeled by school to facilitate distribution. **Inventory materials immediately upon receipt.** The materials for the District Test Coordinator will be packaged separately in the district box. The non-secure test materials shipments will include the following materials:

District Materials

- District Packing List
- Shipment Summary List
- Box Content Lists (when there is more than one box in the shipment)
- Cover Memo
- Copy of the secure materials shipment School Packing Lists for each school in the district
- Parent Notification Pamphlets (A Note to Parents)*—1 package of 25 in the Algebra I shipment
- District and School Test Coordinators' Manual* (this manual)—2 copies in the Algebra I shipment
- Test Administration Manuals (Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology)—1 copy per course
- Copy of the Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters for each school in the district
- Student Not Tested Form

School Materials

- School Packing List
- Shipment Summary List
- Box Content Lists (when there is more than one box in the shipment)
- Copy of the secure materials shipment School Packing List
- Parent Notification Pamphlets (A Note to Parents)—packages of 25
- District and School Test Coordinators' Manual*—1 copy in the Algebra I shipment
- Test Administration Manuals (Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology)—1 copy per every 20 students tested
- Answer Documents
- Student Labels
- Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster—1 copy for the school
- Student Not Tested Form

Important: Care must be taken in the handling and storage of student labels and Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters since they contain personal information about students that should be kept private.

* The District and School Test Coordinators' Manual and district sample of the Parent Notification Pamphlets are included in the Geometry and Biology shipment for districts and schools not participating in the Algebra I examination.

OVERVIEW OF TESTING MATERIALS

SECURE TEST MATERIALS

The secure materials shipments will include district and secure school materials for returning shipments to Questar. The following materials are packaged for the district and by school and will arrive in separate shipments for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology. **District Test Coordinators are responsible for inventorying all materials immediately upon receipt.**

District Materials

The following items will be packaged in the district box. All materials are for the District Test Coordinator's use except for the Large Print test booklets and associated materials, which should be distributed to the schools for which they were ordered.

- District Packing List
- Shipment Summary List
- Box Content Lists (when there is more than one box in the shipment)
- Secure Materials Report
- Cover Memo
- Paper Bands
- Test Security Affidavits (one set for Algebra I, and one set for Geometry and Biology)
- Blank School/Course Header Sheets
- Blank Classroom/Group Information Sheets
- Answer Document Return Kits (one return kit for Algebra I, and one return kit for Geometry and Biology)
 - Answer Document Return Instructions
 - Answer Document Transmittal Forms
 - UPS Labels
 - Answer Document Return Shipping Labels (**PINK** for Algebra I; **YELLOW** for Geometry and Biology)
 - Answer Document Return Verification Form
- Test Booklet Return Kits (one return kit for Algebra I, and one return kit for Geometry and Biology)
 - Test Booklet Return Instructions
 - UPS Labels
 - Test Booklet Return Shipping Labels (**GRAY** for Algebra I; **BLUE** for Geometry and Biology)
 - Test Booklet Return Verification Form
- Large Print Test Booklets and associated materials (if ordered)

School Materials

- School Packing List
- Shipment Summary List
- Box Content Lists (when there is more than one box in the shipment)
- Rulers—provided in packages of 25 for Algebra I and Geometry
- School/Course Header Sheets
- Classroom/Group Information Sheets
- Test Booklet Security Forms
- Test Booklets

Note: Testing materials must match the number of students to be tested. NO extra test booklet is provided for the Test Administrator.

When returning materials to Questar, make sure you use the correct color return shipping label.

OVERVIEW OF TESTING MATERIALS

SHIPPING DOCUMENTS

Materials shipped for the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations will arrive with the following inventory documents for your use.

- **Box Content List**—a list of all materials in each box that will be included in each box. A Box Content List will not be included when there is only one box in a shipment.
- **Shipment Summary List**—a list of all boxes in the shipment and the quantity of materials contained in each box. Each district will receive a District Shipment Summary List (in Box 1), and each school will receive a School Shipment Summary List (in Box 1) for each shipment.
- **Packing List**—Packing Lists will continue to be provided and show a summary of the total quantities of materials included in all boxes of the shipment. Each district will receive a District Packing List (in Box 1), and each school will receive a School Packing List (in Box 1) for each shipment.
- **Secure Materials Report**—a report for the district that will include a list of all secure materials in the shipment, with the range of test booklet security ID numbers shipped to all schools in the district.

BRILLE TEST MATERIALS

Districts that ordered Braille materials will receive an additional shipment prior to testing. This shipment will include Braille test booklets and associated materials, which should be distributed to the schools for which they were ordered.

TESTING GUIDELINES AND SECURITY

TEST SECURITY GUIDELINES

Maintaining test security is a very serious responsibility for all currently licensed Arkansas personnel. Breach of test security is one of the actions for which teaching/administrative licenses can be revoked.

Districts must have a system in place to ensure that all materials are accounted for and kept secure during testing. Any action that leads to the invalidation of student test scores or compromises the security of the tests or test results will be viewed by the Arkansas Department of Education as an inappropriate use or handling of tests and will be treated as such. The following guidelines are to assist in determining which activities constitute inappropriate testing activities and breaches of test security:

1. The Superintendent or his/her designee in each school district shall be responsible for coordinating all local assessment activities.
2. All District Test Coordinators, School Test Coordinators, and Test Administrators shall be **currently** licensed by the Arkansas Department of Education as teachers or administrators.
3. The tests must be administered on the scheduled dates as specified in the District and School Test Coordinators' Manual and the Test Administration Manuals. No portion of the test may be given early.
4. All test materials shall be inventoried upon receipt at the district and school. Test booklets must be kept in a secure area at all times, except during the formal testing sessions.
5. The tests must be administered in strict accordance with the instructions outlined in the District and School Test Coordinators' Manual and the Test Administration Manuals. These instructions include reading directions verbatim to students during testing.
6. Test booklets must be distributed to all students in spiral order, including special education and LEP students. Distributing forms incorrectly is considered a testing irregularity.
7. The Superintendent or his/her designee in each school district shall be responsible for ensuring that all district personnel involved in the testing have been properly trained as specified by the Arkansas Department of Education.
8. The Superintendent or his/her designee in each school district shall be responsible for ensuring that all assessment documents and student identification information are properly and accurately coded and that ALL students have participated in the appropriate grade-level assessment(s).
9. The Superintendent or his/her designee in each school district shall be responsible for ensuring that Individualized Education Programs, Limited English Proficient Assessment Plans, and/or 504 Plans shall specify any state-approved accommodation(s) available to students participating in the administration of standard state assessments.
10. The Superintendent or his/her designee in each school district shall be responsible for ensuring that all students enrolled in a state-tested grade or course shall be accounted for in the State Assessment System.
11. District staff may **not** read, review, or in any way duplicate or reproduce the test booklets, the associated test items, or the writing prompts. Removing or copying the Mathematics and/or Science Reference Sheet provided in the test booklets is a breach of security.
12. All District Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, Building Principals, School Test Coordinators, and Test Administrators must sign the appropriate Test Security Affidavit. All Test Security Affidavits must be returned to Questar with the scoreable materials.
13. Students must not be exposed to answers of items at any time before, during, or after testing. At least 50% of the customized CRT items that contribute to the student performance results will be released to the public upon reporting and may then be used by public schools for instructional purposes.
14. Student responses to test items must represent the student's own independent and unaided thinking and must not be read, reviewed, or changed during or after testing.
15. Students are not allowed to use scratch paper **except for grades 1–2**. The use of scratch paper is considered a breach of security.
16. Students cannot have any materials (e.g., books, magazines, newspapers, homework) except testing materials during the testing sessions.

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17. No electronic devices with photographic capability shall be accessible at any time during test administration [Arkansas Code 6-18-502(b)]. Other electronic equipment that allows for communication among students shall not be accessible at any time during test administration (e.g., cell phone, iPod, MP3 player).
18. If students are permitted to use their own calculators, it is the responsibility of the Test Administrator to certify that these calculators meet the requirements specified in the District and School Test Coordinators' Manual and in the Test Administration Manuals. Failure on the part of the Test Administrator to verify that each calculator meets the requirements will constitute a breach of security.
19. It is the responsibility of the Test Administrator to clear the memory of each calculator both at the beginning and end of each testing day. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of security.
20. During the test administration, Test Administrators should continually monitor the testing process by moving unobtrusively about the room. The Test Administrator is to devote total attention to the students being tested and not work on other things. Test Administrators shall not access computers or other electronic equipment during the assessment.
21. All test booklets, used and unused, shall be inventoried subsequent to testing and returned to the testing company in the prescribed manner on the prescribed date. Any test booklets not returned by the district on the dates required shall be reported to Dr. Gayle Potter at the Arkansas Department of Education.
22. All known violations of the Arkansas Department of Education security regulations shall be reported in writing, signed by the reporter, and addressed to Dr. Gayle Potter at the Arkansas Department of Education. All security violations shall be investigated by the state.

TEST SECURITY PROCEDURES

Secure materials may leave the district's secure location no more than five (5) school days before the first testing session. However, it is strongly recommended that materials not leave the district's secure location more than three (3) school days before the first testing session unless the size of the district absolutely necessitates more time for distribution. The test booklets for the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations are secure materials.

Security ID numbers have been assigned to and printed on all test booklets. Test booklets are shrink-wrapped with a label that indicates the security ID numbers of the documents enclosed and the quantity included in the package. **Due to security reasons, the shrink-wrapped packages of test booklets may be opened no earlier than one school day before the first day of testing for organizational purposes only.** No one may look inside test booklets for any reason. No test booklets should be distributed to Test Administrators until the first day of testing.

During each test in a session, students must use the same test booklet and answer document given to them at the beginning of testing. In the answer documents, students will mark/write their responses. The test booklet and answer document for each student must be kept together throughout **all** sessions. Therefore, it is strongly advised that students be tested in the same group each day.

No part of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations may be downloaded into any assistive device.

Maintaining test security is a very serious responsibility and there are security risks involved in this situation. A breach of security is one of the reasons for loss of license in the state of Arkansas.

Keep all test materials stored in a securely locked location. School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators should also be instructed to monitor test materials at all times and to store them in a securely locked place when not in use. This includes securing materials at the close of each day of the testing sessions.

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TEST SECURITY AFFIDAVITS

District Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, Building Principals, School Test Coordinators, and Test Administrators shall sign affidavits regarding the security of test materials. Each district will receive one set of affidavits for Algebra I, and one set of affidavits for Geometry and Biology. Affidavits must be copied* as needed to provide forms to the schools and for all Test Administrators. There are three types of affidavits as follows:

Affidavit 1—District Level Test Security Form. The district-level affidavit needs to be signed by the District Superintendent and the District Test Coordinator. One (1) copy of Affidavit 1 needs to be signed for Algebra I and one (1) copy needs to be signed for Geometry and Biology in the district.

Affidavit 2—School Level Test Security Form. The school-level affidavit needs to be signed by the School Test Coordinator and Building Principal. The District Test Coordinator should make copies of the school-level affidavits in order to provide one to every school with students being tested. One (1) copy of Affidavit 2 needs to be signed for Algebra I and one (1) copy needs to be signed for Geometry and Biology in the school.

Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form. The Test Administrator affidavit contains space for the signatures of five (5) Test Administrators. The District Test Coordinator should make copies of the Test Administrator affidavits in order to provide one to every school with students being tested. Each school may make as many copies as will be needed for all Test Administrators to sign. One (1) copy of Affidavit 3 needs to be signed for Algebra I, one (1) copy needs to be signed for Geometry, and one (1) copy needs to be signed for Biology.

All completed and signed affidavits must be returned with the used answer documents according to instructions provided in this manual.

*Affidavits do not need to be copied onto colored paper.

TEST BOOKLET SECURITY FORM

Schools with students participating in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations will receive a Test Booklet Security Form for each course. The forms must be used to distribute test booklets to Test Administrators and to account for all test booklets after testing. Space is provided on the form to enter the range of test booklet security ID numbers assigned to each Test Administrator. School Test Coordinators and/or Test Administrators must count test booklets and initial the form when test booklets are distributed to the Test Administrator and when they are returned to the School Test Coordinator on a **daily** basis. The Test Booklet Security Form shall be used in tracking test booklets assigned to Test Administrators. The School Test Coordinators shall verify the number of test booklets returned by each Test Administrator. Careful attention to completing the Test Booklet Security Forms will minimize lost test booklets. Separate Test Booklet Security Forms will be provided for Large Print and Braille test booklets. The completed Test Booklet Security Forms are to be returned with the test booklets according to the instructions provided in this manual. District Test Coordinators should make a copy of the completed Test Booklet Security Forms for the district records.

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MATHEMATICS REFERENCE SHEET

A mathematics formula reference sheet is provided on the inside back cover of the test booklets for the *Mid-Year Algebra I* and *Geometry End-of-Course Examinations*. Students may reference this sheet as needed, but under no circumstances should the sheet be detached from the test booklets or photocopied. Detaching or copying the Mathematics Reference Sheet compromises the integrity of the test and is a breach of security.

TRANSFERRING MATERIALS FROM DISTRICT TO DISTRICT

It is critical that materials be inventoried as soon as they are received so that additional materials can be ordered if necessary. However, there may be situations when ordering materials in time for testing is not possible. In an emergency, materials may be transferred from one district to another.

If secure materials (test booklets) are transferred from one district to another, the District Test Coordinator must complete and fax the Secure Material Transfer Form to the Arkansas Department of Education **AND** to Questar (see sample on page 61). The District Test Coordinator must follow all instructions on the form to ensure that test security is maintained. Additionally, districts must note the transfer on both Test Security Affidavit 1 and the appropriate Test Booklet Security Form.

The transfer of secure materials must be handled by someone **currently** licensed by the ADE as an Arkansas teacher or administrator. Transfer of secure materials must be done either by hand delivering them or by a method that is trackable (FedEx or UPS). Be sure to keep all paperwork related to the shipment. **District Test Coordinators must call the ADE for instructions regarding the transfer of a used answer document for any student moving from one district to another during testing.**

Non-secure materials, including **unused/blank** answer documents, rulers, manuals, parent pamphlets, etc., may be transferred to another district without documentation and without contacting Questar or the ADE.

MATERIALS PROHIBITED DURING TEST ADMINISTRATION

Students cannot have any materials (e.g., books, magazines, newspapers, homework) except testing materials during the testing sessions. If students finish a session early, they may review only the current session test answers and then sit quietly.

Scratch Paper—Students may write in their test booklets. **No scratch paper may be provided** (the use of scratch paper is a breach of security). However, students may use blank spaces in the test booklets to do scratch work. For open-response items, students must show all of their work in the spaces provided in the answer documents. **Any work recorded in the test booklets will NOT be scored.** Only work recorded with a No. 2 pencil in the answer documents will be scored.

Electronic Devices—No electronic devices with photographic capability shall be accessible at any time during test administration [Arkansas Code 6-18-502(b)]. Other electronic equipment that allows for communication among students shall not be accessible at any time during test administration (e.g., cell phone, iPod, MP3 player).

Food and Drink—During testing, no food or drink is allowed in the testing area.

Highlighters—Highlighters may be used on the test booklets **ONLY**. **NO** highlighters may be used on the answer documents.

Ink Pens/Felt Tip Markers—Ink pens and felt-tip markers must **NOT** be used on answer documents. **Use a No. 2 pencil only.**

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CALCULATOR USE AND RESTRICTIONS

Calculators may be used in all sessions of the *Algebra I* and *Geometry End-of-Course Examinations*. **Students may NOT share calculators during testing sessions and may have only ONE calculator during testing.**

Students may use any four-function, scientific, or graphing calculator, as long as it does not have any of the features on the list below.

Calculators that may NOT be used for any session of the examination include the following:

- Pocket organizers
- Hand-held or laptop computers
- Electronic writing pads or pen-input devices
- Calculators built into cellular phones or other wireless communication devices
- Calculators with QWERTY (typewriter-like) pads
- Calculators with paper tape
- Calculators that “talk” or make unusual noises
- Calculators that require an electrical outlet
- Calculators with built-in capability to simplify algebraic expressions, multiply polynomials, or factor polynomials
- CAS (often designated Computer Algebra Systems)
- Calculators that can communicate wirelessly with other calculators

Some examples of specific calculator models prohibited include the following:

- Casio CFX-9970G, Algebra FX 2.0, and ClassPad300
- Hewlett-Packard HP-40G, HP-48gII, HP-49G, and HP-50G
- Texas Instruments TI-89 or TI-92
- Voyage 200

TI-nspire calculators without CAS are allowed only in the following two cases:

- 1) with the TI-84 Plus keypad**
- 2) with the nspire keypad using operating system 1.7 or higher with both “Limit geometry functions” and “Disable function grab and move” invoked in Press-to-Test mode. You must invoke Press-to-Test mode at the beginning of each session and exit Press-to-Test mode at the end of each session.**

If students are permitted to use their own calculators, it is the responsibility of the Test Administrator to certify that these calculators meet the above requirements. Failure on the part of the Test Administrator to verify that each calculator meets the above requirements will constitute a breach of security.

It is the responsibility of the Test Administrator to clear the memory of each calculator at the beginning and end of each testing day. Failure to do so constitutes a breach of security.

Make sure that students using calculators have practiced using them and are familiar with the use of the calculator in testing situations with items similar to those they will see on the examination (i.e., open-response items). It is also important that students understand that while they are allowed to use calculators, it is still essential that the students show all of their work when responding to the open-response items.

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If one student has the opportunity to use a calculator, then all students in the class should have equal access to a calculator. However, there should be no perceived disadvantage to your students whether they are encouraged to use calculators or not allowed to use them. The test items were designed to minimize the amount of computational effort the students would need on the test. Those who teach mathematics in your school should decide whether or not calculators should be used.

No electronic devices with photographic capability shall be accessible at any time during test administration [Arkansas Code 6-18-502(b)]. Other electronic equipment that allows for communication among students shall not be accessible at any time during test administration (e.g., cell phone, iPod, MP3 player).

ALERTS

Student responses are confidential with scorers seeing only an answer document identification number for any response to an open-response item or essay topic. However, there is an approved alert process in place for any response that is disturbing or indicates some administrative irregularity (e.g., any potential danger to the student or other, illegal activity, cheating, breach of test security). In the case of an alert situation, Questar will notify Dr. Gayle Potter at the Arkansas Department of Education who will notify the Superintendent. In these cases, the Arkansas Department of Education and the Superintendent constantly maintain student confidentiality.

2011 TESTING SESSION GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE

TESTING SESSION GUIDELINES AND SCHEDULE

District Test Coordinators are responsible for designating **the time at which all students in a course will be tested at all schools in the district**. While all students in a course must be tested **at the same time**, testing times may vary by course (all courses do not have to be tested at the same time). The testing schedule for all Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations must be provided to School Test Coordinators.

It is recommended that the test be administered in the morning. The test administration should not be scheduled after an athletic event, assembly, or class outing. All test schedules should be checked with the appropriate school officials to be sure that the administration of the test is not interrupted.

The Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations are timed tests. Each session must be administered in the times specified in the table below. Allow time at the beginning of each session to present directions and other information to the students. **Early testing constitutes a breach in test security.**

The *Mid-Year Algebra I*, *Geometry*, and *Biology End-of-Course Examinations* will consist of one form for each subject.

DAY	SUBJECT	SESSION	NUMBER OF ITEMS	MINUTES
Tuesday January 18, 2011	Algebra I	–	Student Demographic Information	15
		A1	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		A2	3 open-response items	45 + directions
Wednesday January 19, 2011	Algebra I	A3	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		A4	2 open-response items	30 + directions
Thursday January 20, 2011	Geometry	–	Student Demographic Information	15
		G1	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		G2	3 open-response items	45 + directions
Friday January 21, 2011	Geometry	G3	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		G4	2 open-response items	30 + directions
Tuesday January 25, 2011	Biology	–	Student Demographic Information	15
		B1	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		B2	3 open-response items	45 + directions
Wednesday January 26, 2011	Biology	B3	30 multiple-choice items	45 + directions
		B4	2 open-response items	30 + directions

Breaks between Sessions

It is recommended that students be allowed at least a 15-minute break after Sessions A1 and A3 during the Algebra I examination, after Sessions G1 and G3 of the Geometry examination, and after Sessions B1 and B3 of the Biology examination. It is also recommended that students be given short breaks of 5 minutes after each session. Lunch and other breaks can be added to the schedule between sessions. Testing sessions must be completed at the conclusion of the school day.

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Interruption of Testing Sessions

Circumstances over which you have no control (e.g., power failures, fire drills, severe weather conditions) may disturb the students during testing. If an interruption occurs during a testing session, Test Administrators are instructed to collect the student test materials and place them in the designated secure location. The District Test Coordinator must be notified of the interruption and must then call the Arkansas Department of Education at 501-682-4558 for instructions prior to resuming testing. Interruptions should not reduce the total amount of time students are given to complete the test questions. If an interruption occurs, Test Administrators should note the time remaining in the testing session.

Make-up Testing Sessions

Make-up testing sessions may be scheduled for any day after the initial administration. However, all make-up testing **must be completed no later than Tuesday, January 25, 2011**, for Algebra I, **Thursday, January 27, 2011**, for Geometry and **Tuesday, February 1, 2011**, for Biology. Every attempt should be made to administer make-up tests to students who were absent during original testing sessions.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CODING THE “TEACHER USE ONLY” BOX

The “Teacher Use Only” Box on the front cover of the answer document should be completed after all testing is done. The Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster and student label include Monitored Former LEP status, Student Retest status, eligibility for Free and/or Reduced Lunch, Gifted and Talented status, and LEP status as appropriate for the student. These sections do not need to be coded if a student label is used. If any of the information for the student is not correct on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster, the information must be updated in APSCN/TRIAND prior to the first day of testing. If a student label is not provided, enter and grid all of the student information for that student.

For students without labels, only the person authorized in the agreement signed by the school with Child Nutrition can code the section for students eligible for Free and/or Reduced Lunch. This information must be filled out after testing is completed. This section cannot be marked by the Test Administrator. (Refer to Director’s Memo IA-99-011; the contact person is Suzanne Davidson at 501-324-9502.) As part of the preparations for testing, arrangements need to be made with the authorized person to code the Free and/or Reduced Lunch section on answer documents for students without labels after testing is completed.

Information requested in the “Teacher Use Only” Box must be completed correctly as applicable to each student. Coding of students cannot be changed after answer documents are sent to Questar. See Appendix D for more information on coding the “Teacher Use Only” Box.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT TEST COORDINATORS

DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The District Test Coordinator should be familiar with the entire contents of this manual and the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals. The District Test Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- inventory all materials **immediately upon receipt**
- distribute testing materials to schools
- provide training to district personnel as required by law
- ensure that an accurate count of all materials assigned to each School Test Coordinator is kept at all times
- maintain and supervise the security of all test materials before, during, and after testing
- distribute and collect affidavits (Affidavit 3 shall be signed by ALL Test Administrators)
- monitor test administration
- collect all test materials from School Test Coordinators after testing
- package all materials for return to Questar

A District Test Coordinator's Checklist is provided on pages 31–33. The checklist covers only the major steps in the materials receipt and return processes and should **not** be used as a substitute for reading all of the instructions in this manual.

INVENTORYING SECURE MATERIALS

It is the District Test Coordinator's responsibility to inventory all materials for the district and schools immediately upon receipt of the Secure Materials Shipments. If there is a discrepancy between the packing lists and the materials, contact Questar's Arkansas Customer Service (ARCustomerSupport@QuestarAI.com) at 800-643-8547, toll-free. **The District Test Coordinator is responsible for reporting any discrepancies or irregularities.**

Non-secure Materials Shipments

Check the quantity and type of district materials received against quantities listed on the District Packing List. Distribute the boxes of school materials to School Test Coordinators as soon as possible after receipt. The contents of the school boxes should also be inventoried as soon as possible, whether it is done by the District Test Coordinator, the School Test Coordinator, or jointly. Verify that the quantities specified on each school's Packing List will be sufficient for their needs. If you are missing materials or need additional materials, they may be ordered through Questar's ServicePoint Web site. A Quick Reference Guide with instructions for placing orders through ServicePoint will be included in the shipment of district materials. Questar will also continue to accept additional material orders by phone, e-mail, and fax (see Appendix F for an Additional Materials Order Form).

Secure Materials Shipments

Check quantities of materials shipped for the district and school against the quantities specified on the Packing Lists. Please use either the Box Content List, Shipment Summary List, or Secure Materials Report to confirm the test booklet security ID numbers.

All of the forms and labels you will need to return test materials to Questar are packaged separately in plastic bags by return shipment type. When you have checked to make sure you have all of the required return forms and labels, put them back in the separate bags until needed after testing is completed. It is important to keep the return materials in their separate bags to avoid returning materials to Questar with incorrect UPS labels and Questar Return Labels.

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Materials included in the district shipment that need to be distributed to schools are the paper bands, Test Security Affidavits, and Large Print test booklets. Your shipment includes one (1) set of Test Security Affidavits for Algebra I, and one (1) set of Test Security Affidavits for Geometry and Biology that must be copied as needed to provide sufficient quantities to each school. See page 18 of this manual for more information about the affidavits. Large Print test booklets are included only if they were ordered for schools by the district.

Be sure to save all of the boxes in which your materials were received to use for returning test materials to Questar; instruct School Test Coordinators to do the same.

DISTRIBUTING MATERIALS

Secure test materials may be distributed to School Test Coordinators **no earlier** than five (5) school days prior to testing. School Test Coordinators should receive all materials for their school in the original boxes. The District Test Coordinator should inventory the school materials with each School Test Coordinator. This will ensure that materials received by the school have been accounted for and will eliminate the need for the School Test Coordinator to report discrepancies **after** receiving materials from the District Test Coordinator. Check quantities and materials in each school's box(es) against the items listed on the School Packing List or Shipment Summary List. After the inventory for each school is complete, make one copy of each school's Packing Lists for district records and return the original to Box 1 of the school box(es).

All test booklets have been sequentially numbered and shrink-wrapped for security purposes. The shrink-wrapped school packages have labels that specify the security ID number range of the documents enclosed. **Due to security reasons, the shrink-wrapped packages of test booklets may be opened no earlier than one school day before the first day of testing for organizational purposes only.** No one may look inside test booklets for any reason. No test booklets should be distributed to Test Administrators until the first day of testing. Maintaining test security is a very serious responsibility and there are security risks involved in this situation. A breach of security can result in loss of license in the state of Arkansas.

If quantities or security ID numbers do not match the Secure Materials Report or shipping inventory documents, call Arkansas Customer Service immediately at 800-643-8547. The District Test Coordinator is responsible for reporting any discrepancies.

REQUESTING ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Inventory and distribute materials to all schools before requesting additional materials. After all materials have been distributed and an inventory has been done with each School Test Coordinator, make one request for additional materials for the entire district, should this be necessary. Additional materials may be ordered by

- ServicePoint (see ServicePoint Quick Reference Guide provided in your shipment of materials);
- faxing the Additional Materials Order Form (Appendix D) to Arkansas Customer Service at 866-688-0419; or
- contacting Questar's Customer Service at ARCustomerSupport@QuestarAI.com or 800-643-8547.

REPORTING MISSING TEST BOOKLETS OR INCORRECT TEST BOOKLET SECURITY NUMBERS

If, after opening a package of test booklets, no earlier than one school day before the first day of testing, a School Test Coordinator discovers a missing test booklet or an incorrect security ID number, the District Test Coordinator should be notified immediately. The District Test Coordinator must then contact Questar at 800-643-8547 and Dr. Gayle Potter at the Arkansas Department of Education at 501-682-4558 to inform them of the situation. The District Test Coordinator/School Test Coordinator should document the issue on the Test Booklet Security Form.

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DUTIES DURING TESTING

The District Test Coordinator should be available to answer questions and resolve problems during the testing sessions. If there are any problems with test materials, call Questar at 800-643-8547 to report the situation. If there is a problem with test administration or test policy issues, contact Dr. Gayle Potter at the Arkansas Department of Education at 501-682-4558. A call to the ADE to verify procedures is better than an error that results in a test investigation.

GENERAL PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING TEST MATERIALS

After testing, inventory all materials returned from each school. During the inventory process, complete the associated documentation to be returned with each type of material. The following pages of this manual provide instructions for returning materials to Questar. Please read the instructions carefully to make sure you are completing and returning all required forms, materials are correctly organized, and materials are being returned within the prescribed time.

The return shipments for Algebra I must be packaged and returned separately from the Geometry and Biology shipments. You must use the appropriate UPS labels and Questar Return Labels. The procedures for returning the materials are the same for Algebra I and for Geometry and Biology but must be followed separately.

You may return answer documents and test booklets at the same time, but they **must be boxed separately** with the **appropriate** label on the boxes. Four different colors of labels are provided for the return of materials—make sure the correct label is used for each shipment. Materials are sorted at the scoring facility according to the color of the label on the box. Returning used answer documents in a box with an incorrect label may cause a substantial delay in processing and scoring them.

The four separate shipments returned to Questar will be

- Algebra I Answer Documents and associated materials
- Algebra I Test Booklets and associated materials
- Geometry and Biology Answer Documents and associated materials
- Geometry and Biology Test Booklets and associated materials

There are three major steps involved in returning testing materials:

1. Inventory and organize all testing materials returned by School Test Coordinators and check and complete all required forms.
2. Package used answer documents and related forms and arrange for the pick-up of the Answer Document Return Shipment.
3. Package all test booklets (used and unused) and related forms and arrange for the pick-up of the Test Booklet Return Shipment.

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ANSWER DOCUMENT FORMS FOR RETURN

The following forms must be completed and returned with the answer documents.

Classroom/Group Information Sheets

The use of Classroom/Group Information Sheets is **mandatory**. Each school **must** complete at least one Classroom/Group Information Sheet for each course tested. School Test Coordinators have been instructed to complete Classroom/Group Information Sheets for individual classes/groups within their school, place them on **top** of the appropriate sets of **used*** answer documents, and paper band them together.

Check each Classroom/Group Information Sheet to ensure that it has been correctly completed. Count the answer documents associated with each Classroom/Group Information Sheet and verify the quantity with the count coded in Box 5 on the Classroom/Group Information Sheet. Keep the Classroom/Group Information Sheet on top of the corresponding set of classroom/group-level **used*** answer documents under the paper band. Then band all classroom sets of **used*** answer documents together with the School/Course Header Sheet on top. See the diagram provided on page 28 of this manual.

School/Course Header Sheets

The School Test Coordinators have been instructed to complete the School/Course Header Sheet for their school, place it on top of the Student Not Tested Forms and **used*** answer documents, and paper band them together. Check each School/Course Header Sheet to ensure that it has been correctly completed. Verify that the name of each classroom/group is included on the School/Course Header Sheet. Keep the School/Course Header Sheet on **top** of the corresponding Student Not Tested Forms and **used*** answer documents under the paper band. See the diagram provided on the following page.

Answer Document Transmittal Forms

Using the School/Course Header Sheet(s), make a check mark on the appropriate Answer Document Transmittal Form next to each school returning Student Not Tested Forms and/or **used*** answer documents. It is probably most efficient to work with one course at a time. Verify that each paper band is marked **“USED.”** After completing the Answer Document Transmittal Forms, sign your name at the bottom.

Affidavits

Each District Superintendent, District Test Coordinator, School Test Coordinator, Building Principal, and Test Administrator **MUST** sign affidavits regarding test security after completing the test administration. If additional copies of the affidavits are needed, they may be photocopied. (Affidavits do not need to be copied onto colored paper.) Make sure that all affidavits have been completed, signed, and returned to you. See page 18 of this manual for more detailed information about the affidavits.

Answer Document Return Verification Form

This form is provided in the Answer Document Return Kits, or the answer document return verification information may be entered on ServicePoint (instructions will be included with the district’s shipment of materials). After the answer documents have been picked up, complete the information requested. If the information was not entered in ServicePoint the paper form must be faxed to the number provided.

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT TEST COORDINATORS

PACKAGING THE ANSWER DOCUMENT RETURN SHIPMENT (USED ANSWER DOCUMENTS)

The Algebra I Answer Document Return Shipment must be completed and ready for pick-up by **January 26, 2011**. The Answer Document Return Shipment for Geometry and Biology must be completed and ready for pick-up by **February 3, 2011**. All the **used*** answer documents are to be returned to Questar for scoring.

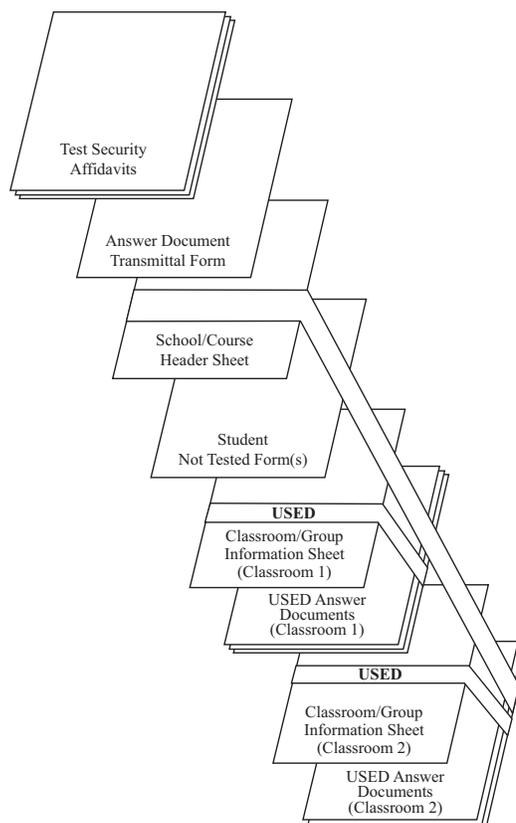
All **used*** answer documents should be returned for scoring, **including answer documents for students not tested** and Student Not Tested Forms. Any blank or unused answer documents received by Questar will be scored. Separate the **used*** answer documents from the test booklets and unused answer documents. Place the Answer Document Transmittal Form(s) on **top** of the **used*** answer documents and Student Not Tested Forms in Box 1.

Package Student Not Tested Forms and used* answer documents with header sheets, one school and one course at a time, with all Test Security Affidavits and Answer Document Transmittal Form(s) on top of the school bundles for the entire district.

Prepare to ship the answer documents as follows:

- Package materials by course for return to Questar.
- Do **not** return test booklets in the same box as answer documents.
- Seal the boxes securely with heavy-duty tape.
- Place one UPS label on each box.
- Place one “Questar Return Shipping Label for Answer Documents” (**PINK** for Algebra I; **YELLOW** for Geometry and Biology) on each box.
- In the lower left corner of each pink or yellow label, write the number of the box and the total number of boxes of answer documents you are shipping. For example: *Box 1 of 3, Box 2 of 3, Box 3 of 3*. If you are shipping only one box, write *Box 1 of 1*. Do **not** include the number of boxes of test booklets in the total for the number of boxes of answer documents. Algebra I box counts must be separate from Geometry and Biology box counts.
- Make arrangements with UPS for package pick-up. Please be aware that UPS may not be able to pick up the packages until the following business day.

Note: Responses for students who used a Large Print or Braille test booklet must be transcribed onto a student answer document prior to inclusion in the Answer Document Return Shipment. Specific return instructions for answer documents and the materials needed for shipping them to Questar are provided in the Answer Document Return Kits.



*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISTRICT TEST COORDINATORS

Arranging for the Pick-up of the Answer Document Return Shipment (USED Answer Documents)

All **used*** answer documents and associated materials must be returned to Questar via UPS. UPS labels are provided in the Answer Document Return Kits. Questar is responsible for all shipping costs; however, it is the District Test Coordinator's responsibility to make shipping arrangements with UPS. Answer documents for Algebra I must be returned separately from Geometry and Biology answer documents.

It is essential to keep records of the shipment. Keep the "Return Service Customer Receipt" portion of each UPS label you use to return answer documents.

After the answer documents have been picked up, complete and fax the Answer Document Return Verification Forms to the number provided on the form or complete the answer document return verification information on ServicePoint (instructions will be included with the district's shipment of materials).

TEST BOOKLET FORMS FOR RETURN

Test Booklet Security Forms

All test booklets, used and unused, must be returned to Questar. As District Test Coordinator, it is your responsibility to verify that all test booklets (used and unused) have been returned to you from the schools. Also, verify that they are in sequential order. School Test Coordinators and Test Administrators have been instructed to order test booklets sequentially before returning them to you.

Verify that the Test Booklet Security Forms have been completed and initialed and that they have been paper banded with the test booklets. Any missing test booklets must be documented on the appropriate Test Booklet Security Form, and a separate letter of explanation **must** be attached. Do **NOT** write the explanation on the Test Booklet Security Form. This missing test booklet information must be sent to Questar with the test booklets. At the completion of check-in, Questar will make a report of missing materials to the Arkansas State Department of Education. Return the Test Booklet Security Forms with the test booklets. Do **NOT** return Test Booklet Security Forms with answer documents or affidavits.

Test Booklet Return Verification Form

This form is provided in the Test Booklet Return Kits. After the test booklets have been picked up, complete the information requested and fax the Test Booklet Return Verification Forms to the number provided on the form or complete the test booklet return verification information on ServicePoint (instructions will be included with the district's shipment of materials).

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

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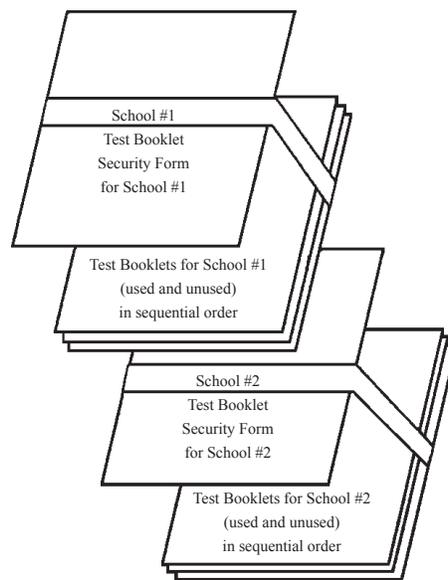
PACKAGING THE TEST BOOKLET RETURN SHIPMENT

The Algebra I Test Booklet Return Shipment must be completed and ready for pick-up on **January 27, 2011**. The Geometry and Biology Test Booklet Return Shipment must be completed and ready for pick-up on **February 4, 2011**. For each school, make sure the Test Booklet Security Form for each course is on **top** of the appropriate test booklets.

Package the test booklets, one course at a time, in the original boxes in the order shown. Large Print and Braille test booklets must be returned in this shipment. Large Print test booklets may be folded to fit in the boxes.

Prepare to ship the test booklets as follows:

- Package materials by course for return to Questar.
- Do **not** return answer documents in the same box as test booklets.
- Seal the boxes securely with heavy-duty tape.
- Place one UPS label on each box.
- Place one “Questar Return Shipping Label for Test Booklets” (**GRAY** for Algebra I; **BLUE** for Geometry and Biology) on each box.
- In the lower left corner of each gray or blue label, write the number of the box and the total number of boxes of test booklets you are shipping. For example: *Box 1 of 3, Box 2 of 3, Box 3 of 3*. If you are shipping only one box, write *Box 1 of 1*. Do **not** include the number of boxes of answer documents in the total for the number of boxes of test booklets. Algebra I box counts must be separate from Geometry and Biology box counts.
- Make arrangements with UPS for package pick-up. Please be aware that UPS may not be able to pick up the packages until the following business day.



Arranging for the Pick-up of the Test Booklet Return Shipment

All test booklets and associated materials must be returned to Questar via UPS. UPS labels have been provided in the Test Booklet Return Kits. Questar is responsible for all shipping costs; however, it is the District Test Coordinator’s responsibility to make shipping arrangements with UPS. Test booklets for Algebra I must be returned separately from Geometry and Biology test booklets.

Specific return instructions for the test booklets and the materials needed for shipping them to Questar are provided in the Test Booklet Return Kits.

It is essential to keep records of the shipments. Keep the “Return Service Customer Receipt” portion of each UPS label used to return test booklets.

After the test booklets have been picked up, complete and fax the Test Booklet Return Verification Forms to the number provided on the form or complete the test booklet return verification information on ServicePoint (instructions will be included with the district’s shipment of materials).

DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR CHECKLIST

GENERAL

- ___ Read this District and School Test Coordinators' Manual in its entirety.
- ___ Read the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals for Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology to familiarize yourself with all procedures.
- ___ Save all of the boxes in which your materials were received to use to return test materials to Questar; instruct School Test Coordinators to do the same.

RECEIPT OF MATERIALS

Non-secure Materials Shipment—Manuals, Answer Documents, Parent Notification Pamphlets, Student Labels, and Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters

(separate for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology)

- ___ Verify that you have received all boxes of materials for all schools that will be administering the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations according to the number of boxes indicated on the school labels or use the Shipment Summary List (included in Box 1) for a list of all boxes and their materials.
- ___ Distribute and inventory materials according to the instructions in this manual. The District and School Packing Lists provide the quantities of materials shipped.
- ___ Determine if each school is receiving a sufficient amount of student test materials. Refer to the instructions on page 25 for ordering additional materials, if needed.
- ___ Implement procedures to ensure that the information contained on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters is correct for each student. If any information is not correct, it must be updated in APSCN/TRIAND prior to the first day of testing.

Secure Materials Shipment—District Return Materials and Student Test Materials

(separate for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology)

- ___ Verify that you have received all boxes of materials for all schools that will be administering the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations according to the number of boxes indicated on the school labels or use the Shipment Summary List (included in Box 1) for a list of all boxes and their materials.
- ___ Inventory district materials according to the instructions provided in this manual. Keep the return forms and labels in the separate bags until needed after testing.
- ___ Inventory each school's materials with the School Test Coordinator. Make a copy of each school's packing list for your records.
- ___ Keep track of additional materials needed for each school so that you can make one request for the entire district (see page 25 for instructions and Appendix F for the Additional Materials Order Form).
- ___ Inventory test booklets by using the Secure Materials Report, Shipment Summary List, Box Content List, or the label on each shrink-wrapped package. Test booklets should be counted while they are in the shrink-wrapped package. **Secure materials may leave the district's secure location no more than five (5) school days before testing.** When not being used by students, test booklets must be kept in a securely locked area.
- ___ Distribute Large Print and Braille test booklets to schools that ordered them following the same security procedures as for the regular test booklets.

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- _____ Make the appropriate number of copies of each Affidavit 2—School Level Test Security Form and each Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form for distribution to schools.
- _____ Distribute paper bands, one copy of each Affidavit 2, and one copy of each Affidavit 3 to each school along with the secure materials. (Schools may make additional copies of Affidavit 3 if needed.)

RETURN OF TESTING MATERIALS TO QUESTAR

- _____ Inventory all testing materials returned from the schools.
- _____ Separate answer documents from test booklets—these must be returned in SEPARATE shipments.

Answer Documents

- _____ Verify that **used*** answer documents have been separated from **unused** answer documents. Do **NOT** return **unused** answer documents to Questar.
- _____ Verify that Student Not Tested Forms have been correctly completed and included with the used answer documents.
- _____ Check that each Classroom/Group Information Sheet has been correctly completed and that no changes have been made to the pre-printed information. Verify that the number of **used*** answer documents matches what is coded in Box 5 on the Classroom/Group Information Sheet.
- _____ Check that each School/Course Header Sheet has been correctly completed. If changes were made to the preprinted information, a new (blank) header sheet must be completed with the correct information entered and coded.
- _____ Verify that the count of Student Not Tested Forms returned under the School/Course Header is listed in Box 4 and that each classroom/group returned under the School/Course Header is listed in Box 5.
- _____ Make a check mark next to each school that has **used*** answer documents or Student Not Tested Forms being returned for each school on the Answer Document Transmittal Form and then sign your name at the bottom.
- _____ Separate Affidavits 2 and 3 from each school's materials. Verify that they have been accurately completed and signed, and that no affidavits are missing. Keep all affidavits for a course together; do not reband them with the answer documents.
- _____ Verify that any Affidavit Waiver Forms for Providing an Approved Accommodation are firmly attached to the appropriate Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form.
- _____ Read and sign an Affidavit 1—District Level Test Security Form and verify that the district Superintendent has also signed the form.
- _____ Organize all materials **exactly** as shown in the diagrams provided in this manual.
- _____ Package the materials by course and securely seal boxes with tape. Do **NOT** put test booklets in the same box with answer documents. Package Algebra I answer documents separate from Geometry and Biology answer documents.

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

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- _____ Place a “Questar Return Shipping Label for Answer Documents” (**PINK** for Algebra I; **YELLOW** for Geometry and Biology) on each box. In the lower left corner of the label, write the number of the box and the total number of boxes of answer documents you are shipping. For example: *Box 1 of 3, Box 2 of 3, Box 3 of 3*. If you are shipping only one box, write *Box 1 of 1*. Do **NOT** include the number of boxes of test booklets in the total number of boxes of answer documents. Algebra I box counts must be separate from Geometry and Biology box counts.
- _____ If you do not have a regularly scheduled UPS pick-up, call 877-536-2697 to arrange for the answer documents to be picked up. Call one business day prior to when you need the answer documents picked up.
- _____ Keep the “Return Service Customer Receipt” portion of each UPS label used to return answer documents.
- _____ Fax the Answer Document Return Verification Forms to Questar at 866-688-0419 or enter your return information in ServicePoint.

Test Booklets

- _____ For each school, verify that the Test Booklet Security Form for each course is on top of the appropriate test booklets. See the diagram provided in this manual.
- _____ Verify that no answer documents are inside test booklets. If an answer document is found after the answer document shipment has been returned, notify Questar immediately.
- _____ Package test booklets **SEPARATELY FOR EACH COURSE** in sequential security ID number order and securely seal boxes with tape. Do not place test booklets and answer documents in the same box. Package Algebra I and Geometry test booklets separate from Biology test booklets.
- _____ Place a “Questar Return Shipping Label for Test Booklets” (**GRAY** for Algebra I; **BLUE** for Geometry and Biology) on each box. In the lower left corner of each label, write the box number and the total number of boxes of test booklets you are shipping. For example: *Box 1 of 3, Box 2 of 3, Box 3 of 3*. If you are shipping only one box, write *Box 1 of 1*. Do **NOT** include the number of boxes of answer documents in the total number of boxes for test booklets. Algebra I box counts must be separate from Geometry and Biology box counts.
- _____ If you do not have a regularly scheduled UPS pick-up, call 877-536-2697, to arrange for the test booklets to be picked up. Call one business day prior to when you need the test booklets picked up.
- _____ Keep the “Return Service Customer Receipt” portion of each UPS label used to return test booklets.
- _____ Fax the Test Booklet Return Verification Forms to Questar or enter your return information in ServicePoint.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SCHOOL TEST COORDINATORS

SCHOOL TEST COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The School Test Coordinator is responsible for the following:

- appoint Test Administrators and provide training as required by law regarding appropriate administration procedures for the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations
- inventory test materials before and after testing
- distribute test materials to Test Administrators
- make sure that an accurate count of all materials assigned to each Test Administrator is kept at all times
- complete the Test Booklet Security Forms as required to track secure test materials
- maintain and oversee the security of all test materials
- distribute and collect Test Security Affidavits
- monitor testing
- collect all test materials from Test Administrators after testing
- package and return test materials to the District Test Coordinator

A School Test Coordinator Checklist is provided on pages 39–41. The checklist covers only the major steps in the materials receipt and return processes and should **not** be used as a substitute for reading all of the instructions in this manual.

APPOINTING AND TRAINING TEST ADMINISTRATORS

There should be at least one Test Administrator appointed for each group of approximately 25 students. Each Test Administrator is responsible for the security of his/her group's test materials while testing is being conducted.

Whenever possible, the test should be administered by classroom teachers. You may need to contact the school administrator/building principal to determine who will act as Test Administrators. Test Administrators must be **currently** licensed by the ADE as Arkansas professional educators, such as teachers, principals, or counselors.

See page 12 of this manual for requirements regarding the training of Test Administrators and Appendix C for a suggested training session agenda.

INVENTORYING TEST MATERIALS

The School Test Coordinator should inventory the materials with the District Test Coordinator for both the non-secure and secure shipments. Check the quantities and materials in each school box against the items listed on the School Packing List or Shipment Summary List.

Answer documents are shrink-wrapped for convenience only and may be opened and distributed to facilitate placing of student labels on them or if they will be pre-assigned to students (see page 35 for more information about pre-assigning answer documents). All test booklets have been sequentially numbered and shrink-wrapped for security purposes. The shrink-wrapped school packages have labels that specify the security ID number range of documents enclosed. Use the school shipping inventory documents and the label from the shrink-wrapped package to inventory the test booklets; do not open the shrink-wrapped packages of test booklets. Due to security reasons, **the shrink-wrapped packages of test booklets may be opened no earlier than one school day before the first day of testing for organizational purposes only.** No one may look inside test booklets for any reason. No test booklets should be distributed to Test Administrators until the first day of testing. Maintaining test security is a very serious responsibility and there are security risks involved in this situation. A breach of security is one of the reasons for loss of license in the state of Arkansas.

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Inventory testing materials upon receipt. Once the shrink-wrapped package of test booklets is opened, no earlier than one school day before testing begins, the School Test Coordinator should check the test booklets for the security ID numbers and number of booklets in the package. If a test booklet is missing or a security ID number is incorrect, it is the School Test Coordinator's responsibility to contact the District Test Coordinator **immediately**. **Be sure to save all of the boxes in which your materials were received for use in returning test materials to the District Test Coordinator.**

DISTRIBUTING TEST MATERIALS TO TEST ADMINISTRATORS

Keep the header sheets for use after testing is completed and materials have been returned to you. School/Course Header Sheets and Classroom/Group Information Sheets are provided. The Test Booklet Security Forms shall be used in tracking test booklets assigned to Test Administrators.

Prior to the test administration, each Test Administrator should receive student testing materials and Test Administration Manuals as appropriate for the course for which the Test Administrator is responsible. The Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals should be provided to Test Administrators at the training prior to the test administration, if not sooner.

Distribute the secure test booklets to Test Administrators **no earlier than the first day of testing**. The range of test booklets distributed to each Test Administrator must be recorded on the Test Booklet Security Form (see instructions below).

PRE-ASSIGNING ANSWER DOCUMENTS

In order to accommodate the timely and efficient distribution of materials during testing, the answer documents may be pre-assigned to students. The School Test Coordinator and Test Administrators may work jointly to pre-assign answer documents by affixing student labels or by completing the student name and demographic information for students who were not provided a student label. The school, district, and classroom/group name sections on each front cover should also be completed. All information contained on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Rosters must be verified for correctness. If any of the information is incorrect, it must be updated in APSCN/TRIAND prior to the first day of testing (see page 9 of this manual).

The School Test Coordinator and Test Administrators must ensure that each student to be tested has one answer document assigned, and that the pre-assignments coincide with the test administration plan for groups of students. Once this has been completed, the answer documents must be returned to the secure area until the first day of testing.

COMPLETING THE TEST BOOKLET SECURITY FORMS

Before distributing the test booklets to Test Administrators, the Test Booklet Security Form for the appropriate course must be completed. Make as many copies of the form as needed to sign secure test booklets out to and in from Test Administrators. Directions for completing the Test Booklet Security Form are contained on the form and include the following when distributing test booklets to Test Administrators:

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1. Verify quantities and the security ID numbers printed on the test booklets against the test booklet ID range printed on the form. Contact the District Test Coordinator **immediately** if any discrepancy is found. Attach documentation of the discrepancy to the Test Booklet Security Form.
2. Record the information requested on the form (Test Administrators' names and the **range** of security ID numbers of the booklets assigned to each). The Test Administrator must initial the form when the test booklets are received from the School Test Coordinator daily. At the end of testing each day, the School Test Coordinator shall verify that all test booklets have been returned from each Test Administrator and initial the form.

Retain the Test Booklet Security Form(s) until testing has been completed. Each form will be used to account for the secure materials after testing.

DUTIES DURING TESTING

School Test Coordinators must be available to answer questions and resolve problems during the testing sessions. If there are any problems with test materials, contact your District Test Coordinator.

COMPLETING FORMS AND ORGANIZING MATERIALS AFTER TESTING

After testing, inventory all materials with each Test Administrator. Test Administrators should return the following bundles of materials: **used*** answer documents (marked USED), unused answer documents (marked UNUSED), and all test booklets. **Unused** answer documents should be returned to the District Test Coordinator but should **not** be included in the counts on the Classroom/Group Information Sheets. Unused answer documents are **not** to be returned to Questar. **Unused** answer documents are those that are **completely** blank. Answer documents for students who did not test are to be included with **used*** answer documents and returned to Questar behind the appropriate Classroom/Group Information Sheet along with the answer documents for students taking the test. Other materials (manuals, shipping inventory documents, rulers, etc.) may be destroyed, recycled, or returned to the District Test Coordinator if you are instructed to do so.

Used Answer Documents

Test Administrators have been instructed to count the **used*** answer documents, paper-band them together, and mark the paper band with the school name, the count, and the word "**USED.**" Verify that this has been done and that the count is accurate.

Test Administrators have been instructed to thoroughly check all information on the **used*** answer documents and to code information in the "Teacher Use Only" Box on the front cover of the answer documents **after** testing is completed. See page 51 for information regarding the requirements for coding the Free and/or Reduced Lunch section. Coding information for all sections in the "Teacher Use Only" Box is provided in Appendix D of this manual. Check to see that coding was done correctly and erase any stray marks.

Classroom/Group Information Sheets

At least one (1) Classroom/Group Information Sheet **must** be completed for **each** course tested in the school, even if there is just one testing classroom/group for the course. If you have more than one testing classroom/group of students per course, a Classroom/Group Information sheet must be completed for each classroom/group. Students can be grouped any way you want them to be; however, the answer documents for all of the students you want grouped together must be placed behind the appropriate Classroom/Group Information Sheet. A School/Course Header Sheet must still be completed for each school. The Classroom/Group Information Sheet is **not** a replacement for the School/Course Header Sheet.

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

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Instructions for completing the Classroom/Group Information Sheet are provided on the form itself. Enter and code the number of **used*** answer documents being returned on a separate Classroom/Group Information Sheet for each classroom/group. The number of answer documents for students not tested must be included in the count of **used*** answer documents. It is critical that the counts are accurate and are coded correctly. Do **not** include **unused** answer documents in the count. Place a completed Classroom/Group Information Sheet under the paper band on the corresponding stack of **used*** answer documents for each classroom.

Do **NOT** make any changes to the preprinted information on the form. If the information preprinted for the school is incorrect, obtain a blank Classroom/Group Information Sheet from the District Test Coordinator. When completing a blank header sheet, make sure the LEA Number is entered and coded accurately and completely.

School/Course Header Sheets

One (1) School/Course Header Sheet must be completed for **each** course tested at the school. School identification information has been preprinted on the form. Fill in the circle for the course, and enter the name of all classroom/groups with answer documents being returned for scoring from the entire school for the appropriate course. It is critical that each classroom/group name is correctly listed on the School/Course Header Sheet. Indicate in box 4 how many Student Not Tested Forms are being returned for the course and school. Place the School/Course Header Sheet under the paper band on the corresponding Student Not Tested Forms and/or **used*** answer documents.

Unused Answer Documents

Band together all **unused** answer documents. Return the bundles to the District Test Coordinator.

Test Booklets

Test Administrators are instructed to organize all test booklets (used and unused) in security ID number order and paper band them. Inventory the test booklets when they are returned to you to make sure all test booklets assigned to a Test Administrator have been returned. Verify that no answer documents are inside test booklets. Missing test booklets must be documented and an explanation provided. The District Test Coordinator is required to provide a letter of explanation for each missing test booklet.

Test Booklet Security Forms

A separate Test Booklet Security Form, with the range of test booklet ID numbers assigned to the school, is provided for each course. The Test Booklet Security Form provides spaces to enter the ID range assigned to each Test Administrator, for the name of the Test Administrator, and for the Test Administrator and the School Test Coordinator to initial receipt and return of test booklets on each of the testing days. After test booklets have been returned for the final time, they must be inventoried (see above). On the Test Booklet Security Form (for each course), enter the date the booklets are returned to the District Test Coordinator.

Test Security Affidavits

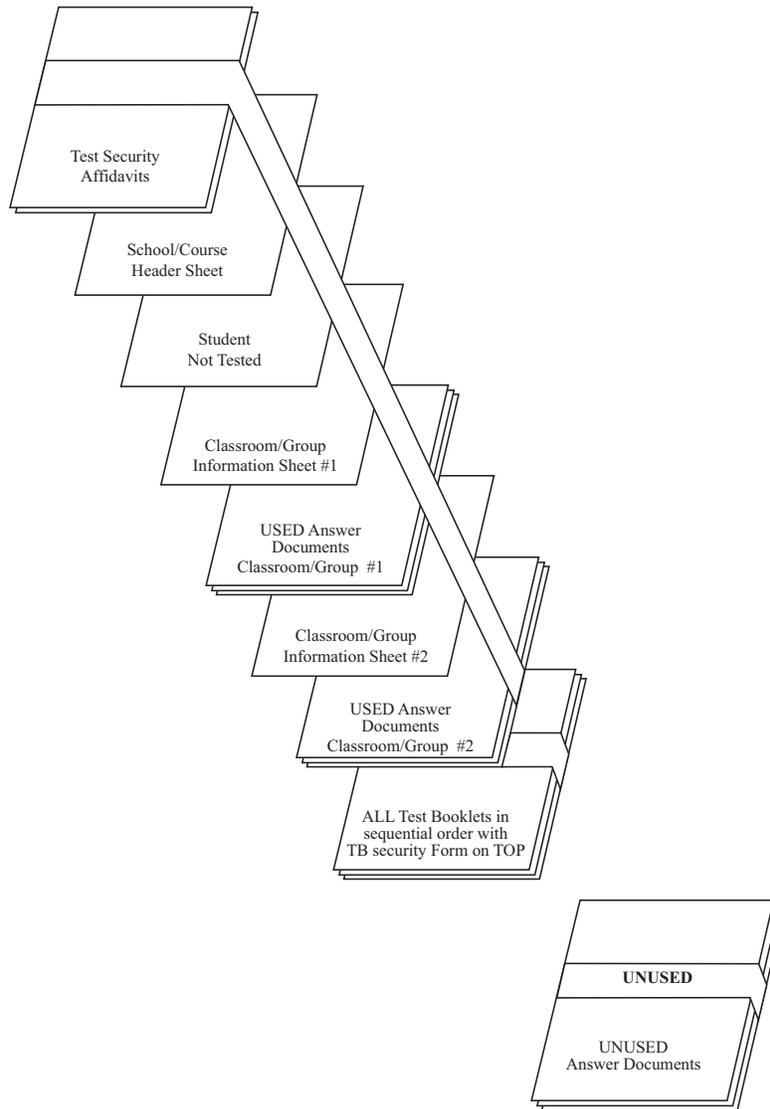
During the collection of test materials from the Test Administrators, have each Test Administrator read and sign Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form for the appropriate course. Your District Test Coordinator will provide you with the appropriate affidavits. One copy of Affidavit 2—School Level Test Security Form must be read and signed by the School Test Coordinator and the building principal for Algebra I and for Geometry and Biology. All signed affidavits are to be returned to the District Test Coordinator.

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

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PACKAGING MATERIALS FOR RETURN TO THE DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR

Return your materials to the District Test Coordinator immediately after testing. Materials should be packaged (separately by course) in their original boxes in the order shown below so that you have one stack of materials for each course tested.



SCHOOL TEST COORDINATOR CHECKLIST

GENERAL

- ___ Read this District and School Test Coordinators' Manual in its entirety.
- ___ Read the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals for Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology to familiarize yourself with all procedures.

RECEIPT OF MATERIALS

Non-secure Materials Shipment

(separate for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology)

- ___ Inventory all materials against the shipping inventory documents according to the instructions in this manual.
- ___ Check that you have enough of the manuals to provide one for each Test Administrator. If you need more manuals, they may be photocopied or printed off the ADE Web site.
- ___ Distribute the appropriate Test Administration Manual to each Test Administrator when shipments 1 and 2 arrive. Stress to Test Administrators that they **MUST** read the manual prior to testing.
- ___ Verify that you have enough Parent Notification Pamphlets for each student being tested. The ADE suggests that the pamphlets be sent out two weeks prior to testing.
- ___ Distribute answer documents to Test Administrators that will be pre-assigning them to students according to the instructions provided in this manual.
- ___ Verify that information on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster is correct, or assign Test Administrators to verify the information. If any student information is incorrect, it must be updated in APSCN/TRIAND prior to the first day of testing. See page 9 of this manual for further information.

Secure Materials Shipment

(separate for Algebra I, and for Geometry and Biology)

- ___ With your District Test Coordinator, inventory all materials against the shipping inventory documents according to the instructions in this manual.
- ___ Keep the School Packing List and school shipping inventory documents for your records.
- ___ To inventory test booklets, use the Box Content Lists, the shipping inventory documents, and/or the label provided on the top of each shrink-wrapped package. Test booklets should be counted while they are in the shrink-wrapped package. **Secure materials may leave the district's secure location no more than five (5) school days before testing.** When not being used by students, test booklets must be kept in a securely locked area.
- ___ Make as many copies of Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form as needed for each course to have all Test Administrators sign.
- ___ Make as many copies of the Test Booklet Security Form for each course as needed to check test booklets out to and in from all Test Administrators.
- ___ Complete the Test Booklet Security Forms according to the instructions provided in this manual.
- ___ Distribute test booklets to Test Administrators no earlier than the first day of testing.

SCHOOL TEST COORDINATOR CHECKLIST

CHECKING AND PREPARING MATERIALS FOR RETURN TO THE DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR

- _____ Follow the instructions provided in this manual for completing forms and organizing materials for return to the District Test Coordinator.
- _____ Inventory all secure test materials with each Test Administrator as they return them, and initial the appropriate Test Booklet Security Form indicating test booklets were returned after the final testing session.
- _____ Verify that **all** test booklets assigned to each Test Administrator have been returned and are in security ID number order with the lowest number on top and the highest number on the bottom.
- _____ Document any missing test booklets with a detailed letter of explanation. Attach the letter(s) to the appropriate Test Booklet Security Form.
- _____ Have each Test Administrator read and sign Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form for the appropriate course(s). A separate copy of Affidavit 3 should be signed for each course.
- _____ Confirm that Test Administrators followed the procedures in the Test Administration Manuals for checking student answer documents and that the “Teacher Use Only” Box has been properly completed.
- _____ Verify that **used*** answer documents have been separated from **unused** answer documents and that Student Not Tested Forms and answer documents for Students NOT Tested are included with the **used*** answer documents. All answer documents, including blanks, returned to the scoring facility WILL be scored.
- _____ Complete Classroom/Group Information Sheets according to the instructions provided in this manual.
- _____ Place the Classroom/Group Information Sheet on top of the corresponding classroom’s **used*** answer documents and reband them.
- _____ Verify that the course coded on the Classroom/Group Information Sheet matches the answer documents.
- _____ Verify that the number of **used*** answer documents behind each Classroom/Group Information Sheet is accurately entered and gridded in Box 5.
- _____ Complete a School/Course Header Sheet for each course tested at your school according to the instructions provided in this manual.
- _____ Place the School/Course Header Sheet on the top of the appropriate Student Not Tested Forms and **used*** answer documents.
- _____ Verify that the course coded on the School/Course Header Sheet matches the answer documents and the number of Student Not Tested Forms is correctly coded.
- _____ Verify that each classroom/group returned under the School/Course Header Sheet is listed for the appropriate course.
- _____ Band together all **unused** answer documents.
- _____ Verify that all Student Not Tested Forms have been filled out correctly and completely and that the number of forms submitted is marked on the School/Course Header Sheet.
- _____ Organize all test booklets (**used** and **unused**) for each course tested in the school in sequential security ID number order with the lowest number on the top and the highest number on the bottom.
- _____ Verify that no answer documents are inside test booklets and band them together.
- _____ Enter the date materials are returned to the District Test Coordinator on the Test Booklet Security Form(s).
- _____ Place the appropriate Test Booklet Security Form on top of the test booklets for each course.

*Used answer documents include those for Students NOT Tested.

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- ___ Read and sign Affidavit 2—School Level Test Security Form and verify that the building principal has also signed the form.
- ___ Place the Test Security Affidavits on top of the School/Course Header Sheet. Band all materials together.
- ___ Verify that materials are organized and banded EXACTLY as shown in the diagrams in this manual.
- ___ Return all materials to your District Test Coordinator.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR TESTING

Testing accommodations may be made for students for whom standardized conditions are not appropriate but for whom the testing experience would be beneficial. Students may access any state-approved accommodations listed in their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) and used on a regular basis in the classroom. However, IEPs may contain accommodations that are **not** allowed on the test, and these accommodations may **not** be used on the state-mandated testing. Testing accommodations may be made for students identified as disabled pursuant to P.L. 94-142 or for students considered as disabled under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Testing accommodations may be made for students identified as LEP as indicated in their Language Assessment Plans.

All accommodations must be administered by an Arkansas teacher or administrator who is currently licensed by the ADE and has been trained in proper test administration procedures.

Allowable Special Education Accommodations include, but are not limited to, the following:

Code	Definition
1 TRAN*	a teacher transfers answers from the student’s test booklet to an answer document This means that the student must write all answers in the test booklet. This must be done in an individual setting. The student may not have extra paper. The teacher is to copy the student’s answers into the answer document exactly as the student wrote them. (Note: This accommodation is used with Large Print and Braille test booklets.)
2 REC*	a teacher records the student’s verbal responses and places them into his/her answer document This means that the teacher writes the student’s verbal responses into his/her answer document. This must be done in an individual setting. This accommodation is difficult on the writing portion of the Augmented Benchmark and Grade 11 Literacy Examinations. Because the writing is scored for mechanics and usage, the student must spell each word and must provide each mark of capitalization and punctuation as he/she dictates his/her response. (Note: The teacher may not write it out first and then go back to ask the student to insert punctuation or adjust spelling.)
3 SIGN	directions signed for a student with a hearing impairment
4 PREF	preferential seating (study carrel)
5 SMGT	small group testing
6 INT	individual testing
7 RMT/RWT/RST*	reading of the math/writing/science test Important: <i>No portion of the reading test may be read to any student!</i>
8 MD	magnifying devices
9 NB	noise buffer
10 IS	individualized scheduling

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Code	Definition
11 ET	extended time Important: <i>All testing scheduled for a given day must be completed by the conclusion of that school day.</i>
12 LPT*	Large Print test booklet There are no Large Print answer documents. The student shall write all answers in the test booklet. No scratch paper is permitted. The teacher will transcribe the student's answers into a standard answer document.
13 BT*	Braille test booklet There are no Braille answer documents. The teacher will transcribe the student's answers into a standard answer document.
14 AB	abacus

In special circumstances, additional requests for assistive devices will be considered for special education students or students with a 504 Plan. The "Special Accommodations Request Form for Special Education Students or Students with a 504 Plan" must be obtained from the ADE. Contact the office of Dr. Gayle Potter at 501-682-4558.

Allowable Limited English Proficient (LEP) Accommodations include the following:

Code	Definition
1 LEP - ET	extended time Important: <i>All testing scheduled for a given day must be completed by the conclusion of that school day.</i>
2 LEP - WTWD	word-to-word dictionary Limited English Proficient students may use an English/native language word-to-word dictionary that contains no definitions or pictures, if it is part of a student's LPAC Plan.
3 LEP - IS	individualized scheduling
4 LEP - PREF	preferential seating (study carrel)
5 LEP - SMGT	small group testing
6 LEP - INT	individual testing
7 LEP - RMT/RWT/RST*	reading of the math/writing/science test in English Important: <i>No portion of the reading test may be read to any student!</i>
8 LEP - NB	noise buffer

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Accommodations that currently are not available include the following:

- audiocassettes
- languages other than English
- limiting multiple-choice answers
- reading any portion of the reading test

STUDENTS NOT TESTED

- Home-bound students
- Home-schooled students
- Incarcerated students
- Students in Residential Treatment Centers
- Students in Juvenile Detention Centers

APPENDIX B

READING AND/OR TRANSCRIPTION OF THE MID-YEAR END-OF-COURSE EXAMINATIONS

Special Education students, Limited English Proficient students, and students with a 504 Plan may receive the accommodation of having the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations read to them if indicated in their IEP, LPAC Plan, or 504 Plan and used on a regular basis in the classroom.

Only teachers or administrators **currently** licensed by the Arkansas Department of Education are allowed to read or transcribe a test for students who have this accommodation. The Affidavit Waiver Form provided in Appendix F must be copied and signed by the currently licensed Arkansas staff member providing the accommodation and stapled to Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form. Keep one copy on file at the district.

Note: In certain cases, a student’s responses to test questions will require transcription (i.e., the responses must be coded or written in the student’s answer document by someone other than the student). In those cases where a student’s responses to test questions require transcription (e.g., Large Print version, Braille version, or other approved accommodations), this transcription needs to be done by teachers or administrators **currently** licensed by the Arkansas Department of Education and **must** occur within the district prior to the shipment of materials to Questar. If this transcription does not occur within the district, the student’s responses will be treated as nonscoreable or “not taken” by the contractor. Ideally, the transcription should be performed by the District Test Coordinator or someone working directly under his or her supervision.

APPENDIX C

TRAINING FOR TEST ADMINISTRATORS

The following is an outline of a potential training agenda to be used by District and School Test Coordinators for training Test Administrators prior to the January 2011 administration of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations. This agenda offers suggested topics for discussion and may be modified to meet the specific needs of districts.

SUGGESTED TRAINING AGENDA

Test Administration Assignments

- Test Administrator Assignments for Specific Groups of Students
- Selected Test Administration Sites within School/District

Test Administration Schedule

- General Administration Schedule
- Specific Administration Schedule for School/District

Test Administrator Responsibilities and Preparations

- Test Administrator Responsibilities
- Preparing Students and Parents: Advance Notification of Testing, Student Identification Numbers, Calculator Use and Restrictions
- Preparing Materials: Testing Materials, Other Materials
- Preparing the Administration Site
- Proper Administration of Accommodations

Students to be Tested

- Review Information in the Mid-Year End-of-Course Test Administration Manuals and in this District and School Test Coordinators' Manual
- Accommodations for Testing (Appendix A)

Test Security

- Testing Guidelines and Security Guidelines
- Procedures for Test Security: Identify Secure Area, Securing Materials Each Day of Testing

Checklist for Test Administrators

- Review Checklist in the Test Administration Manuals

Procedures during Test Administration

- Review Test Administration Script Provided in the Test Administration Manuals

Procedures after Test Administration

- Review Completing the "Teacher Use Only" Box and Procedures for Completing the Free and/or Reduced Lunch Section (Appendix D)
- Review Return of Materials to School Test Coordinators

APPENDIX D

COMPLETING THE “TEACHER USE ONLY” BOX

Information coded in the “Teacher Use Only” Box is used to place students in the appropriate reporting categories to determine the school and district Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) for No Child Left Behind, and for the state accountability system. Therefore, it is critical that the information requested be completed correctly as applicable to each student. Students will not be reported correctly if the appropriate information is not coded on their answer documents. **Coding for students cannot be changed after answer documents are sent to the testing company.**

Fill in the “Teacher Use Only” Box on the front cover of the answer document **after** all testing is completed. The Test Administrator and the person authorized to mark the Free and/or Reduced Lunch section are the only persons who should mark this box. See page 51 for information about persons authorized to mark the Free and/or Reduced Lunch section.

Verify that students did not mark any circle(s) in the “Teacher Use Only” Box.

There are 13 sections within the “Teacher Use Only” Box: Course Taken (Algebra I and Geometry only), Monitored Former LEP, Student Retest (Algebra I only), ESI Codes, Special Education Accommodations, Free and/or Reduced Lunch, Migrant Student, Gifted and Talented, Highly Mobile, Limited English Proficient (LEP), LEP student less than one year in the U.S., LEP Accommodations, and Student NOT Tested (on page 2 of the answer document).

After all testing is finished, the “Teacher Use Only” Box must be completed. If a student label has been used, it is not necessary to code the circles for Monitored Former LEP, Student Retest, Free and/or Reduced Lunch, Gifted and Talented, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) in the “Teacher Use Only” Box. This information is already contained in the label and will override information coded in the “Teacher Use Only” Box. Only those sections of the “Teacher Use Only” Box that have an asterisk (Course Taken, ESI Codes, Special Education Accommodations, Migrant Student, Highly Mobile, LEP student less than one year in the U.S., LEP Accommodations, and Student NOT Tested) need to be completed, as appropriate, if a student label is used.

The following pages provide instructions for completing all of the sections in the “Teacher Use Only” Box, as appropriate for each student.

IMPORTANT: A student label **must** be used on a student answer document or the Student Not Tested Form, if one is provided for a student. Information in APSCN/TRIAND will override anything coded for the following sections of the “Teacher Use Only” Box: Monitored Former LEP, Student Retest, Free and/or Reduced Lunch, Gifted and Talented, and Limited English Proficient (LEP). If information for a student is incorrect, it must be updated in APSCN/TRIAND prior to testing. See page 9 for more information about updating student demographic information.

TEACHER USE ONLY	SPECIAL EDUCATION ONLY	Free and/or Reduced Lunch	LEP ONLY
*Course Taken <input type="radio"/> Algebra <input type="radio"/> Algebra A & B <input type="radio"/> Other	*ESI Codes ① AU ⑤ MD ⑨ SLD ② DB ⑥ OI ⑩ SI ③ HI ⑦ OHI ⑪ TBI ④ MR ⑧ ED ⑫ VI	<input type="radio"/> *Migrant Student	<input type="radio"/> Limited English Proficient (LEP) <input type="radio"/> *LEP student less than one year in the U.S.
Monitored Former LEP <input type="radio"/> Year 1 <input type="radio"/> Year 2	*Special Education Accommodations ① TRAN ⑧ MD ② REC ⑨ NB ③ SIGN ⑩ IS ④ PREF ⑪ ET ⑤ SMGT ⑫ LPT ⑥ INT ⑬ BT ⑦ RMT/RWT/RST ⑭ AB	<input type="radio"/> Gifted and Talented <input type="radio"/> *Highly Mobile <input type="radio"/> Student enrolled in school/district after October 1, 2010	*LEP Accommodations ① LEP - ET ② LEP - WTWD ③ LEP - IS ④ LEP - PREF ⑤ LEP - SMGT ⑥ LEP - INT ⑦ LEP - RMT/RWT/RST ⑧ LEP - NB
Student Retest <input type="radio"/> Retest 1 <input type="radio"/> Retest 2			
Student NOT Tested Mark the reason in Box 9 on page 2.			

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*Course Taken

Complete the Course Taken section of the “Teacher Use Only” Box , as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used. Course Taken may be blank for Algebra I student retesters who are not associated with a course listed. There is no Course Taken section for Biology.

Monitored Former LEP

A student’s Monitored Former LEP status does not need to be coded on the student answer document if a student label is used. If a student label is not used, complete the Monitored Former LEP section of the “Teacher Use Only” Box, as appropriate. Fill in the circle for Year 1 if the student is in the first year of monitoring, and fill in the circle for Year 2 if the student is in the second year of monitoring.

Monitored Former LEP (MFLEP) students include

- Students who have transitioned out of a language instruction educational program funded by Title III into classrooms that are not tailored for LEP students.
- Students who are no longer receiving LEP services and who are being monitored for academic content achievement for two years after the transition.
- Students who were identified as LEP at some time in the prior two years but who no longer meet the state’s definition of LEP.

Student Retest (Algebra I only)

A student’s Retest information does not need to be coded on the student answer document if a student label is used. If a student label is not used, complete the Student Retest section of the “Teacher Use Only” Box for each student taking an Algebra I End-of-Course Examination retest opportunity.

Fill in the Retest 1 circle for any student who was in grade 9 or below during the 2009–2010 school year and meets **all** of the following requirements:

- has previously taken **one** Algebra I End-of-Course Examination and has not scored at the *Pass* level.
- has completed remediation according to their IAIP.
- has been determined by the district to be ready to take an Algebra I End-of-Course retest opportunity.

Fill in the Retest 2 circle for any student who was in grade 9 or below during the 2009–2010 school year and meets **all** of the following requirements:

- has previously taken **two** Algebra I End-of-Course Examinations and has not scored at the *Pass* level.
- has completed remediation according to their IAIP.
- has been determined by the district to be ready to take an Algebra I End-of-Course retest opportunity.

Important: If student retest information is incorrect on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster, please contact Dr. Neal Gibson (Neal.Gibson@arkansas.gov) or Dr. Greg Holland (Greg.Holland@arkansas.gov) to reconcile any discrepancies by Friday, January 14, 2011.

*An asterisk indicates that the section **must** be coded whether or not a student label is used.

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*ESI Codes

Complete the student's ESI code in the "Teacher Use Only" Box, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used.

If a student participated in the testing and is part of a specific educational program, fill in the appropriate circle in the section labeled "ESI Codes" (Exceptional Student Identification). Choose the correct category for each exceptional student according to the list below. Fill in **only one** circle for numbers 1–12. If more than one condition exists, fill in the circle for the **primary** condition. Note that number 5 is MD for students with multiple disabilities.

1	AU	autism	7	OHI	other health impairment
2	DB	deaf-blindness	8	ED	emotional disturbance
3	HI	hearing impairment	9	SLD	specific learning disability
4	MR	mental retardation (both TMR and EMR)	10	SI	speech/language impairment
5	MD	multiple disabilities	11	TBI	traumatic brain injury
6	OI	orthopedic impairment	12	VI	visual impairment

*Special Education Accommodations

Complete the Special Education Accommodations section of the "Teacher Use Only" Box, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used. Fill in **only one** circle. If more than one accommodation was allowed, fill in the circle for the **primary** accommodation. **Refer to Appendix A** for additional information on accommodations that are permitted.

1. TRAN	a teacher transfers answers from the student's test booklet to an answer document
2. REC	a teacher records the student's verbal responses and places them into his/her answer document
3. SIGN	directions signed for a student with a hearing impairment
4. PREF	preferential seating (study carrel)
5. SMGT	small group testing
6. INT	individual testing
7. RMT/RWT/RST	reading of the math/writing/science test
8. MD	magnifying devices
9. NB	noise buffers
10. IS	individualized scheduling
11. ET	extended time
12. LPT	Large Print test booklet
13. BT	Braille test booklet
14. AB	abacus

*An asterisk indicates that the section **must** be coded whether or not a student label is used.

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Do not code the Special Education Accommodations section for 504 students. However, students may still receive accommodations that are in their 504 Plans and used regularly in the classroom.

Important: Accommodations 1, 2, 7, 12, and 13 require the Test Administrator to complete the Affidavit Waiver Form.

Note: Extended time means that the whole school day may be used for the portion of the test that is scheduled for that day. When extended time is allowed, students who are at different points in the test schedule must be isolated from students on the regular schedule for testing, during breaks, and during lunch.

Free and/or Reduced Lunch Students

A student's eligibility for Free and/or Reduced Lunch does not need to be coded on the answer document if a student label is used. For students without labels, only the person authorized in the agreement signed by the school with Child Nutrition can code the section for students eligible for Free and/or Reduced Lunch. This information must be filled out after testing is completed. This section cannot be marked by the Test Administrator. (Refer to Director's Memo #IA-99-011; contact person is Suzanne Davidson at 501-324-9502.)

***Migrant Students**

Complete the Migrant Student section of the "Teacher Use Only" Box, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used.

In the section labeled "Migrant Student," fill in the circle for any student meeting the following guidelines: Children of migratory agricultural workers or migratory fishers, including children who are workers themselves and the spouses of such workers, who have been identified by the Migrant Education Program (MEP) as migrant children.

For questions related to migrant student information, please have the District Test Coordinator contact Stan Young at 501-324-9660.

Gifted and Talented Students

A student's status as Gifted and Talented does not need to be coded on the answer document if a student label is used. If a student label is not used, complete the Gifted and Talented section of the "Teacher Use Only" Box, as appropriate.

***Highly Mobile Students**

Complete the Highly Mobile section of the "Teacher Use Only" Box, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used. In the section labeled "Highly Mobile," fill in the circle for any student enrolled in the school or moving between schools in the district after October 1, 2010.

Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students

A student's status as Limited English Proficient does not need to be coded on the answer document if a student label is used. If a student label is not being used and the student is designated as Limited English Proficient, fill in the circle labeled "Limited English Proficient (LEP)." If an LEP student is also participating in a special education program, fill in the appropriate circle (1–12) in the ESI Codes section and the LEP circle.

*An asterisk indicates that the section **must** be coded whether or not a student label is used.

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*LEP student less than one year in the U.S.

If a student is Limited English Proficient and has been in a school in the U.S. less than one year, fill in the circle, regardless of whether or not a student label is used.

*LEP Accommodations

Complete the LEP Accommodations section of the “Teacher Use Only” Box, as appropriate, regardless of whether or not a student label is used. Fill in only one circle. If more than one accommodation is allowed, fill in the circle for the primary accommodation.

Important: Special education accommodations take precedence over LEP accommodations for students who are both Limited English Proficient and participate in special education programs. If a student with disabilities is also Limited English Proficient, mark **only** the Special Education Accommodations section. The only circumstance in which both the Special Education Accommodations section and LEP Accommodations section may be marked is if the student received the LEP accommodation of using a word-to-word dictionary.

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|----------------------|---|
| 1. LEP - ET | extended time |
| 2. LEP - WTWD | word-to-word dictionary |
| 3. LEP - IS | individualized schedule |
| 4. LEP - PREF | preferential seating (study carrel) |
| 5. LEP - SMGT | small group testing |
| 6. LEP - INT | individual testing |
| 7. LEP - RMT/RWT/RST | reading of the math/writing/science test in English |
| 8. LEP - NB | noise buffer |

Important: Accommodation 7 requires that the Test Administrator complete the Affidavit Waiver Form.

Note: Extended time means that the whole school day may be used for the portion of the test that is scheduled for that day. When extended time is allowed, students who are at different points in the test schedule must be isolated from students on the regular schedule for testing, during breaks, and during lunch.

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*Student NOT Tested

An answer document or Student Not Tested Form **must** be submitted for any student who was scheduled to take the *Mid-Year Algebra I, Geometry, or Biology End-of-Course Examinations* or received a label but **took NO portion of the test**. All student labels sent to schools must be used on answer documents or Student Not Tested Forms. If it is known in advance of testing that a student who received a label will not be testing, please use the Student Not Tested Form to record the reason not tested. If a student does not test and his or her label has been placed on an answer document or the student did not receive a student label, follow the instructions below.

Fill in the circle for the appropriate reason code (mark **ONLY** one) on page 2 of the student answer document. If the reason the student did not test is not listed on page 2, or if the student refused to take all portions of the test, the District Test Coordinator must contact Dr. Potter's office at the ADE at 501-682-4558 for further instructions.

All of the information (as appropriate for the student) requested on the front of the student answer document must be completed.

TEACHER USE ONLY	
9	*Student NOT Tested
Complete ALL of the information (as appropriate for the student) requested on page 1 of this answer document for any student who was scheduled to take the <i>Mid-Year Algebra I End-of-Course Examination</i> but took NO portion of the test . Instructions for completing page 1 are provided in the Test Administration Manual. Fill in the circle for the reason (mark ONLY one) the student took NO portion of the test.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">① Absent on ALL days of the test administration, including the make-up test administration② Expelled/suspended③ Extended hospitalization④ Residential treatment⑤ Homebound⑥ Incarcerated⑦ Juvenile detention⑧ Transferred to a different school/district in Arkansas⑨ Moved to a different state/out of country⑩ Transferred to a home school/private school⑪ Completed an alternate portfolio assessment⑫ Special Education services for home school/private school⑬ Student was incorrectly identified as taking an Algebra I course⑭ Withdrew from school or course⑮ Student has already taken the <i>Algebra I End-of-Course Examination</i>⑯ SRT⑰ Student is eligible for an Algebra I retest opportunity but is not ready to test	

Important: Fill in circle 16, SRT (Student REFUSED to Test) in the Student NOT Tested Box for any student who refused to take **ALL** portions of the test. The District Test Coordinator must notify Dr. Potter's office at the ADE of all students refusing to take all portions of the test. (The School Test Coordinator will then contact the District Test Coordinator who will then notify the ADE.)

See page 8 for additional information regarding students not tested and for information regarding erasures on the answer document.

*An asterisk indicates that the section **must** be coded whether or not a student label is used.

APPENDIX E

SAMPLE PRELIMINARY DEMOGRAPHIC VERIFICATION ROSTER

The following provides a key to the information that is printed on the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster. Using the Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster, verify that the information for each student is correct. If any of the information for a student is **not** correct, the student label must still be used. However, you will need to correct the information in APSCN/TRIAND by the date listed on page 9 of this manual. The updated information will then be provided to Questar on the first day of testing. Student records will be updated prior to reporting.

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Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster

District LEA: 99-99 Arkansas School District **School LEA: 99-99-999 Arkansas High School**

Please use this form to verify the demographic information for your students. If any information is **not** correct, the student label must still be used. However, you will need to correct the information in APSCN/TRIAND by the end of the day on Friday, January 14, 2011. The updated information will then be provided to Questar on the first day of testing. Student records will be updated prior to reporting.

Subject: Algebra I

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)	Grade	Birth Date	State ID Number	SS ID	Gender	Ethnicity*	MFLEP [†]	LEP	Free/Reduced Lunch	Gifted/Talented	Student Retest
Daley, Charles P	11	03-19-90	1234567890	987654321	M	3	1	Y	Y	N	1
Fitzgerald, Scott	11	04-09-91	2345678901	876543210	M	7		N	N	N	
Herzog, Brenda K	11	05-31-90	3456789012	765432109	F	5		N	N	N	2
Liverpool, Angela	11	07-15-90	4567891098	654321098	F	2		Y	Y	Y	
Xuing, Yo	11	09-01-90	5678901234	543210987	M	1	2	N	N	N	1

*Ethnicity Codes: 1 = Hispanic, 2 = Asian, 3 = Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 4 = American Indian/Alaskan Native, 5 = Black, 6 = White, 7 = Two or More
[†]MFLEP (Monitored Former LEP): 1 = Year 1 Monitored Former LEP, 2 = Year 2 Monitored Former LEP

1. District LEA and District Name
2. School LEA and School Name
3. Subject
4. Student Name: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial
5. Grade
6. Birth Date
7. 10-digit State Reporting Identification Number
8. SS ID—Social Security Number or Federally-Assigned Identification Number
9. Gender: F = Female; M = Male
10. Ethnicity:
 - 1 – Hispanic 2 – Asian 3 – Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 - 4 – American Indian/Alaskan Native 5 – Black 6 – White 7 – Two or More
11. MFLEP (Monitored Former LEP): 1 = (Year 1) the student is in the first year of monitoring; 2 = (Year 2) the student is in the second year of monitoring; blank field = the student is not identified as a Monitored Former LEP student
12. LEP: Y = Yes, the student is a Limited English Proficient student; N = No, the student is not a Limited English Proficient student
13. Free/Reduced Lunch: Y = Yes, the student receives Free and/or Reduced Lunch; N = No, the student does not receive Free and/or Reduced Lunch
14. Gifted and Talented: Y = Yes, the student is identified as Gifted and Talented; N = No, the student is not identified as Gifted and Talented
15. Student Retest (Algebra I only): blank = first time tester, 1 = Retest 1, 2 = Retest 2

APPENDIX F

The forms listed below are provided on the following pages of this manual:

- Affidavit Waiver Form for Providing an Approved Accommodation
- Additional Materials Order Form
- Secure Material Transfer Form
- Student Not Tested Form
- Administration Feedback Form

ACTAAP

Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment, and Accountability Program

Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations for Algebra I, Geometry, and Biology Affidavit Waiver Form for Providing an Approved Accommodation January 2011

I provided an approved testing accommodation for:

_____ Student's Name

_____ Answer Document Number

by _____ Session(s) _____
reading/transcribing

of the January 2011 Mid-Year _____ End-of-Course Examination.
Algebra I/Geometry/Biology

I agree not to copy, use in my classroom, or discuss any of the test questions I have read.

_____ Date

_____ Signature of Currently Licensed Arkansas Teacher Providing Accommodation

_____ District Name and School Name

Keep one (1) copy for file and staple one (1) copy to Affidavit 3—Test Administrator Security Form

Additional Materials Order Form

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District Name:	District LEA:
District Test Coordinator:	Phone:
E-mail:	Contact Preference:

You may enter your material order on the ServicePoint™ Web site
<https://ar-servicepoint.questarai.com/Login.aspx>
 or
 indicate the materials needed by entering quantities and submitting this form by e-mail or fax to
 Questar Assessment, Inc Arkansas Customer Service
 FAX 866-688-0419 ARCustomerSupport@QuestarAI.com

Quantity			
Biology	Geometry	Algebra I	All

Manuals				
District and Test Coordinators' Manual	X	X	X	X
Test Administration Manual	X	X	X	X

Answer Documents and Test Booklets				
Test Booklet	X	X	X	X
Answer Document	X	X	X	X
Large Print Test Booklet	X	X	X	X
Braille Test Booklet	X	X	X	X

Ancillary Materials				
School/Course Header Sheet	X	X	X	X
Classroom/Group Information Sheet	X	X	X	X
Affidavits (set)	X	X	X	X
Student Not Tested Form	X	X	X	X
Parent Notification Pamphlet	X	X	X	X
Ruler (Algebra I & Geometry)	X	X	X	X
Large Print Ruler (Algebra I & Geometry)	X	X	X	X
Braille Ruler (Algebra I & Geometry)	X	X	X	X
Line Placement Template	X	X	X	X
Paper Band	X	X	X	X

District Return Materials				
Answer Document Return Instructions	X	X	X	X
Answer Document Return Verification Form	X	X	X	X
Answer Document Transmittal Form	X	X	X	X
Answer Document Return Label	X	X	X	X
Answer Document UPS Label	X	X	X	X
Test Booklet Return Instructions	X	X	X	X
Test Booklet Return Verification Form	X	X	X	X
Test Booklet Return Label	X	X	X	X
Test Booklet Return UPS Label	X	X	X	X

Student Label

<i>School Name:</i>					
<i>School Name:</i>					

School LEA:
School LEA:

Preliminary Demographic Verification Roster

<i>School Name:</i>					
<i>School Name:</i>					

School LEA:
School LEA:

Test Booklet Security Form

<i>School Name:</i>					
<i>School Name:</i>					

School LEA:
School LEA:



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SECURE MATERIAL TRANSFER FORM

Examination: _____

District LEA #: _____

Name of District Transferring: _____

No. of Documents Transferred: _____

Security ID Number(s) Transferred:

Signature of Sender: _____

Date: _____

Examination: _____

District LEA #: _____

Name of District Receiving: _____

No. of Documents Received: _____

Security ID Number(s) Received:

Signature of Receiver: _____

Date: _____

Instructions: Each district shall retain a copy of this form. A copy shall be faxed to the ADE at (501) 682-4886 and to Questar at (866) 688-0419, ATTN: Kelly Larson. This form must be completed and signed by both districts before it is faxed. Both districts must staple a copy of this Secure Material Transfer Form to the appropriate school's Test Booklet Security Form(s) **AND** must note the transfer on Affidavit 1—District Level Security Form.

COURSE	
Return labels for only one course on each form. Fill in the circle to indicate which course is returned on this form.	<input type="radio"/> Algebra I <input type="radio"/> Geometry <input type="radio"/> Biology

SCHOOL INFORMATION
School Name:
District Name:

INSTRUCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Write in your School and District name above. Place student labels for students not testing in a dotted label box. This form may be photocopied if more boxes are needed. Fill in the appropriate bubble above the label to indicate why the student did not test, using the codes below. Return this form to Questar along with other testing materials according to the instructions provided in the manuals.

Student NOT Tested Codes
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Absent on ALL days of the test administration, including the make-up test administration Expelled/suspended Extended hospitalization Residential treatment Homebound Incarcerated Juvenile detention Transferred to a different school/district in Arkansas Moved to a different state/out of country Transferred to a home school/private school Completed an alternate portfolio assessment Special Education services for home school/private school Student was incorrectly identified as taking this course Withdrew from school or course Student has already taken this End-of-Course Examination Reason 16 not applicable on this form. Must be coded on an answer document. Student is eligible for an Algebra I retest opportunity but is not ready to test. (17 should not be bubbled if using a Geometry or Biology student label).

Student Not Tested Form 2011

A Student Not Tested Form should be used when it is known in advance of testing that a student who received a student label will not be taking the examination. Please read the instructions below.

SNT Code: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ ⑫ ⑬ ⑭ ⑮ X ⑰

ALIGN TOP OF LABEL HERE
Position label WITHIN the dotted lines.

SNT Code: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ ⑫ ⑬ ⑭ ⑮ X ⑰

ALIGN TOP OF LABEL HERE
Position label WITHIN the dotted lines.

SNT Code: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ ⑫ ⑬ ⑭ ⑮ X ⑰

ALIGN TOP OF LABEL HERE
Position label WITHIN the dotted lines.

SNT Code: ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩ ⑪ ⑫ ⑬ ⑭ ⑮ X ⑰

ALIGN TOP OF LABEL HERE
Position label WITHIN the dotted lines.

DO NOT WRITE BEYOND THIS AREA



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Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations Administration Feedback Form January 2011

Please make a copy of this page and use it to report any problems that occurred during the January 2011 administration of the Mid-Year End-of-Course Examinations.

District Name: _____ LEA #: -

Person Responding: _____

Phone Number: _____

FEEDBACK/COMMENTS

Materials Receipt: _____

Testing Materials/Manuals: _____

Return of Materials: _____

Other Issues: _____

This form may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to:

Katie Asp, Program Manager
Questar Assessment, Inc.
5550 Upper 147th Street West
Apple Valley, MN 55124
FAX: 866-688-0419
ARCustomerSupport@QuestarAI.com

If you have any questions, please call Questar at 800-643-8547.

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