

NYSED Response

CHAT Questions submitted on June 9, 2020 during the NYS Statewide Program Managers Web Meeting:

Can someone from HSE office be asked to call in to this meeting?

AEPP is a separate office from the High School Equivalency Office. If you have questions pertaining to HSE matters, it is best if you communicate directly; their email address: HSE@nysed.gov

Will additional Distance Learning Webinars be provided again for additional teachers who will be supporting our programs this summer.

Yes, we are scheduling one Distance Education WIOA/ALE web training and one Distance Education EPE web training very soon. Announcement as to date and time will be sent through the RAEN centers.

Any possibilities for CTE Distance Learning opportunity, especially for programs which can be taught online.

No, there are no current exceptions under EPE for CTE programming to be delivered online.

Since ALE is state funding, will carry over funding be allowed for those programs?

No, carry over funding is not available for ALE contracts.

Are fs25s being processed?

Yes, Grants Finance staff working remotely and continuing these fiscal processes.

If consortium lead changes, does the new lead need to resubmit the same DL plan if nothing else changes?

Yes, and the new lead will now be responsible for uploading attendance documents to the Accountability website.

If the application is post marked as of June 15th is this acceptable? I still need to get superintendent signature.

The EPE application with electronic signature must be sent via email to EPE@nysed.gov on or before June 15, 2020. The hard copy can be mailed after that date.

Is the June 15 deadline for the Electronic Fillable form submission only or does that apply to the hard copy via USPS also?

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Can the RAEN make sure the distance learning training is offered asap when the COVID 19 is lifted?

Yes, every effort will be made to schedule as soon as possible.

COVID Protocols are extended into 20-21 to date uncertain. Teachers COVID is OK'd for DL in current year can NOT do DL in 20-21 until RAEN Trained?

Teachers trained under the Distance Education COVID-19 Temporary Guidance may continue to provide services until the region where their program operates enters Phase 4, then a gradual face to face resume is expected.

Is there going to be more PD for DL

Yes, we are scheduling one Distance Education WIOA/ALE web training and one Distance Education EPE web training very soon. Announcement as to date and time will be sent through the RAEN centers.

Why are we not considering doing at least some of our PD remotely and making use of the new technology we are all getting used to especially with such a vast state and RAENs?

All RAEN training is delivered in face to face format.

To avoid any confusion can we count on line course currently for SED approve CTE courses

No, there are no current exceptions under EPE for CTE programming to be delivered online.

What if we enter phase 4 and schools are still not opened?

Programs should begin planning for the eventual implementation of Phase 4. If schools in a region where Phase 4 is complete do not open, NYSED will work with those programs on a case by case basis. The program must demonstrate that every effort is made to find suitable space to deliver classroom instruction.

Are programs able to submit ideas for pilot programs?

Pilot programs will be considered once all programs statewide return to traditional instruction.

Literacy Solutions relies on libraries and school buildings to host classes. We will have to follow their rules re social distancing, max. number of people in a room, etc. Just FYI. We have adult students with multiple kids of diff. ages must compete for access to technology

Noted.

If a region enters phase 4, but the site where a program takes place still wants programs to conduct classes remotely. Will NYSED support programs on this situation?

Programs should begin planning for the eventual implementation of Phase 4. If specific sites in a region where Phase 4 is complete do not open, NYSED will work with those programs on a case by case basis. Every effort must be made to find suitable space to deliver classroom instruction. Programs should begin to look for alternate locations.

I have a question about phase 4 and vulnerable populations.

Not sure if there is a question here?

Just to clarify, if someone last had an assessment in December 2019 and we were unable to post test them due to COVID, we will have to administer a new pre-test for the new program year? The December 2019 will be totally irrelevant?

That is correct. All pre-tests have been and will continue to be accepted for the current fiscal year and from the preceding 6 month period. In the case of FY2020/2021, pre-tests dated from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 are valid.

If someone is a WIOA student they won't have any hours in ASISTS since March since we aren't entering hours so they will be auto exited as of June 30th. Is that going to be changing or they will just be exited like normal?

ASISTS will be making the adjustment.

Can you see face to face phasing in as distance phases out, with both maybe happening at the same time? And for face to face-- will all activity be reported in ASISTS, while distance continues to be reported via March 20th guidelines?

When a region enters Phase 4, all programs will be expected to move into face to face programming respecting the Governor's guidelines for social distancing and face masks.

Are you repeating the webinars for the case managers and instructors?

Yes, we are scheduling one Distance Education WIOA/ALE web training and one Distance Education EPE web training very soon. Announcement as to date and time will be sent through the RAEN centers.

Can we generate EPE for synchronous meetings with students that are for FTMG, SMART or GRASP tutoring?

During the COVID-19 Temporary Pause guidance for EPE programs, under SMART and GRASP, 3 hours of synchronous tutoring per student per week is allowable and EPE reimbursable. If the same student was also provided Fast Track Math GRASP packets concurrently while enrolled in GRASP or SMART, then no additional synchronous tutoring time is allowed. However, if a student is only enrolled in Fast Track Math GRASP and no other programming, the program may provide 3 hours of synchronous tutoring time per week.

We did not anticipate an intake code for the WIOA DL plan. Should we add that to our chart and re-submit it?

It has been an option since the start of the COVID-19 temporary guidance. If it was not included on your Distance Learning Online Plan, it can be added.

Is there any chance the 6 hour RAEN training for DE programs will be offered remotely so that we can be ready to roll with it once COVID restrictions have lifted?

All RAEN training is delivered in face to face format.

Will more COVID DL training be made available after July for teachers who missed the first round COVID DL training?

Yes, we are scheduling one Distance Education WIOA/ALE web training and one Distance Education EPE web training very soon. Announcement as to date and time will be sent through the RAEN centers.

Are we required to submit hard copies of the EPE application?

The EPE application with electronic signature must be sent via email to EPE@nysed.gov on or before June 15, 2020. The hard copy can be mailed after that date.

How about more COVID 19 DL training for new staff in 2021- given that the pause is still in effect

Yes, we are scheduling one Distance Education WIOA/ALE web training and one Distance Education EPE web training very soon. Announcement as to date and time will be sent through the RAEN centers.

Is enrollment considered a performance measure?

Yes.

What happens in FY20/21 if we operate with physical classes that offer virtual class participation? Do we only count physical students only?

Yes, this is consistent with all NYSED programming. Virtual class participation does not count as contact hours.

If you prorate, would that mean a straight month calculation: e.g. if the building opens in Sept. and we can't do remote testing before then, would you simply divide the # of students projected by 12 and multiply by 9?

Each of the 10 Governor's regions will move into Phase 4 at potentially different times.

If during phase 4, NYS allows face to face instruction with physical distancing, what will ACCES expectations be regarding face to face instruction with physical distancing? Thank you.

NYSED will not be issuing any specific expectations for physical distancing.

What can influence a change in thought to allow DL tutoring to continue happening from a distance? Synchronous time in Google Meet helps student overcome barriers to attendance.

NYSED is planning to support pilots for distance learning in FY2020/2021 once statewide programming resumes traditional instruction.

No ISRF until face to face or do we do them remotely for the new fiscal year?

During the COVID-19 Temporary Guidance issued by Mr. Purga on March 20th, it was made clear in the subsequent training sessions that remote ISRFs have been and will continue to be allowed from March 20th until a program's region enters Phase 4. Once Phase 4 is entered, all ISRF's must be done face to face with student's signature.

Please remember that all classrooms are not in school buildings. Some programs have rooms that are smaller than a traditional classroom in a building.

NYSED is aware.

WIOA & ALE: If our distance learning plans have been approved and we continue with these plans in July, will enrollment & contact hours before Phase 4 be recognized by NYSED?

All enrollment and contact hours have been and will continue to be recognized by NYSED regardless of whether they were entered into the Accountability Site (began March 20, 2020) or into ASISTS.

If you start summer programming under phase three and you enter phase four during summer will you have to move to in class immediately and will you lose COVID 19 temp regulations regarding staff distance learning training. This is for summer only

This question is unclear, NYSED advises the author to send the question directly to the respective RAEN director with more clarification.