Welcome from State Director, Robert Purga

Data Expectations

Reopening

Pilot Information

Performance
Robert L. Purga
NYS Director
• One Statewide Meeting
  • Clear messaging to all regions together
• Questions and Responses will be made available to all participants
  • Chat will enable more questions if needed
  • Responses will be included with the 77+ questions we received from the RAENs
• Many questions regarding piloting distance learning options
  • There is a substantive application process that Marisa and Rosemary will outline during the webinar
Many questions surrounding TASC Testing and the Board of Regents waiver process and pending results

All TASC related questions must be sent to HSE@nysed.gov

Learn the most up to date information regarding TASC Testing at:

http://www.acces.nysed.gov/hse/high-school-equivalency-hse
March 20, 2020

TO: All NYSED funded adult education programs WIOA, ALE and EPE

FROM: Robert Puga, Director, ACCES Adult Education Programs

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Guidance

This memo provides revised guidelines for NYSED State and Federally administered adult education programs to provide the maximum allowable flexibility in providing continuity of learning and student engagement for adult education programs. The major priority is to provide flexibility for and support for online learning now that face-to-face classes have become unavailable across the State. We will provide additional webinars for Employment Preparation Education (EPE) training and Adult Literacy Education (ALE) and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) specific policies and steps in the coming weeks.

WIOA and ALE funded programs:

Consistent with WIOA, Title II, Subtitle C, Section 231(e)(7), (9) & (11), NYSED is allowing and encouraging these programs to continue instruction with students via distance learning, including online tools:

- Reminder: The guidance provided here is dependent upon events considered temporary in nature. Existing guidelines and requirements remain in effect and are only waived temporarily and to the extent set forth herein. The guidance provided here shall apply until revoked upon face-to-face classes becoming more readily available across the State;
- NYSED has created a spreadsheet (NYSED WIOA and ALE Adult Literacy Coronavirus Online Learning Planning Tool) where programs will be asked to identify the plan for delivering these services;
- The initial deadline for submitting the plan, the NYSED WIOA and ALE Adult Literacy Coronavirus Online Learning Planning Tool, is March 27th. Plans must be submitted to their respective funding program’s mailbox (WIOA@NYSED.gov or ALE@NYSED.gov). Subsequently, programs may submit new or amended plans as needed to reflect changes in programming;
- The Online Learning Planning Tool can include both Synchronous and Asynchronous learning options for students;
From our NYSED fiscal representatives:
There has not yet been an announcement from the New York State Division of Budget (DOB) regarding possible FY21 reductions. Budget Bulletin B-1223 directs agencies to hold all discretionary local aid grants and awards until further notice and to submit essential and statutory payments to DOB for their approval. Payments are being made as they receive approval from DOB. For some State-funded programs, payments have been made at 80% of the original amount, with the remaining 20% on hold at this time.
Individual Student Record Form

In FY2020/2021, programs must have an electronic or paper copy of the ISRF for all students, dated on or after July 1, 2020 with student signature

- Electronic
- Paper
Recorded in ASISTS regardless if remote or in person

- Student demographic data
- Student contact information

- Assessments given in person only
Instructional classes in ASISTS: TWO OPTIONS

- Carry over existing classes from FY2019/2020
- Create new classes that will represent face to face attendance

As programs gradually move from remote to face to face:
- Remote contact hours are uploaded to the Accountability site
- In person contact hours are recorded in ASISTS
• Existing Pre-tests that were given in FY2019/2020 between January 1, 2020 and March 20, 2020 will continue to be honored.

• Existing Post tests between January 1, 2020 and March 20, 2020 will be brought into FY2020/2021 and used as new pre-tests.
  • This will happen AFTER August 15th (the data deadline for FY2019/2020 data).
Reopening

- Gradual and well planned
- Safety first
- NYSED Distance Learning Planning Tool
  - Must be updated when there are major changes
  - Must be approved by the AEPP Regional staff
- Email any updates to:
  - ALE@nysed.gov
  - WIOA@nysed.gov
There is not one reopening plan

• Each program is funded differently

• Each program may reopen differently

• Planning and coordination are key elements

• Follow safety rules imposed by your hosting agencies/school districts/BOCES

• Community Based Organizations or off-campus locations may need to be added/altered
When in-person programming begins

• Priority:
  • Assessments – must be face to face
  • Lower level learners
  • Learners who have little or no access to technology

Reminder:
• If students are able to come back for even a portion of the time
  • Time spent in person is recorded in ASISTS
  • Time spent remotely is recorded on the Accountability site
An application process will be available in November. Application to include:

- Curricula
- Staffing and Staff expectations
- Modality
- Calculation of proxy contact hours
- Documentation of student work
- Data collected in ASISTS
- # of students participating in the pilot
- Expected outcomes
- Technology requirements (students/program)
All Performance Measures
Enrollment Expectations (contractual)
Lifted in FY2019/2020

All Performance Measures
Enrollment Expectations (contractual)
Proportionate in FY2020/2021
• Meet with your training provider

• Determine when in-person training will begin

• All contextualized ESL instruction should be ongoing

• WIOA program delivers remotely or in person

• EPE program delivers through ESL Home Study and remote or in-person for 3 hour tutoring sessions

• Meetings with NYSED will be scheduled in September
COVID-19 Distance Learning
Stop Gate Training

WIOA/ALE Distance Education Stop Gate training:

August 13, 2020  2:00 to 3:30 pm
August 14, 2020  10:00 to 11:30 am

EPE Distance Education Stop Gate training:

August 13, 2020  10:00 to 11:30 am
August 14, 2020  12:00 to 1:30 pm
Enter your questions in the Chat during the webinar

The Questions and Responses will be published and sent from the RAEN centers