Iowa Alternate Assessment Webinar-#4 Transcript Roles & Responsibilities

Slide 1: Welcome to IAA process for this current school year. This webinar, the 4th in a series of 8, entitled, "Iowa Alternate Assessment General Overview" provides IAA guidance and policy . The intended audience for this webinar includes teachers, parents, administrators and AEA personnel.

This presentation will provide you important information which will enable you to successfully complete the IAA for each of your students.

Slide 2: New roles and responsibilities for the Iowa Alternate Assessment were developed as the result of a study commissioned by the Iowa Department of Education and the recommendations of the Significant Disabilities State Leadership team to ensure a *Statewide System of Integrated Supports*

Slide 3: The Iowa Department of Education's Role in the Iowa Alternate Assessment is to Disseminate Policy, Ensure Integrity of IAA System, and provide Systems & Resources to Support Eliminating the Achievement Gap for Students with Significant Disabilities.

Slide 4: District Assessment Coordinators or their designee will now be the District Iowa Alternate Assessment Contact between Iowa Alternate Assessment Teachers in their district, the Department of Education and the Iowa Alternate Assessment Online System.

Their role will include providing secure access to the Iowa Alternate Assessment Online System, Initial verification at the beginning of the school year ensuring the right students are in the right assessment, and providing ongoing management of the Iowa Alternate Assessment Process.

Slide 5: As instructional leaders, building principals or designees conduct classroom walk-throughs to support instruction and assessment of the Iowa Core. In 2011-2012 the Department crafted an instructional walk through tool to support building administrators and or their designees in understanding Iowa Core instruction tailored for students with significant Disabilities.

Slide 6: This instructional walk through tool is available on the DE IAA Webpage. The Department will also email this walk through tool to districts.

Slide 7: Building administrators or their designees should view the Iowa Alternate Assessment administrative support webinar located on the DE IAA Webpage

Slide 8: The teacher's role in administering the Iowa Alternate Assessment is to Follow the Process, Complete all Student Profile Activities, Report Data on Performance in November, January, and March, Manually Update Rosters, Adding & Removing Students, Keep Evidence Throughout the Year

Slide 9: The IAA process will work smoothly if teachers:

Follow the IAA process to make sure students are not excluded from the assessment, Have High Expectations of Students, Review all materials and directions before implementing the process, Access the Department Webpage and webinars on a periodic basis for new information or updated answers to

questions, Review the FAQs and participation guidelines Rosters, Adding & Removing Students After Initial Rosters Verification, Keep Evidence Throughout the Year.

Slide 10: Each AEA has a designated Significant Disabilities Coordinator. Their role is to Understands IAA Process and Policies, Communicates these to AEA personnel

Supports Districts in implementing quality instruction that leads to greater outcomes for students, through Evidenced Based and Data Driven Instruction

You may find a listing of all AEA Significant Disabilities Coordinator on the DE IAA Webpage.

Slide 11: For more information regarding the Iowa Alternate Assessment Process please view the DE IAA Webpage or contact Emily Thatcher. The Iowa Department of Education appreciates the work that you do with your students. Thank you!