

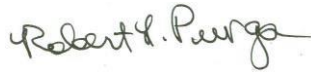


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TO: All NYSED EPE funded adult education programs

FROM: Robert Purga, Director, ACCES Adult Education Programs 

SUBJECT: Changes made to the FY2019/2020 EPE Application

There were several significant changes and additions to the FY2019/2020 EPE Application. This memo serves as an overview of that information. All EPE programs are encouraged to review the application thoroughly and to respond accordingly to those areas that apply to their organization. Further detail in each of the following sections is contained in the application. Any questions or concerns should be directed to your NYSED regional associate.

NYSED Upstate/Downstate Teams:

NYSED has assembled an Upstate and Downstate team to better support the needs of programs in each of the seven RAEN regions.

\$17 Million has been repurposed to support four new initiatives:

- Fast Track High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation;
- National External Diploma Program (NEDP);
- Pre-NEDP pilot;
- NRS Level 1 ABE students.

Fast Track Math GRASP packets:

Clarification for distribution of these packets and documentation required for students using them. Appendix 6 and 7 explains these processes in more detail.

NEDP programming:

No TABE testing required once student enters NEDP program; CASAS assessments required. All NEDP programming will now fall under Fast Track accountability measures, not NRS.

Pre-NEDP pilot:

NYSED has identified a small number of existing NEDP programs to offer specialized support to those students interested in NEDP who have not yet met the entrance criteria. This pilot will fall under Fast Track accountability measures, not NRS.

NRS Level 1 ABE students:

For all EPE programs, this cohort of students will no longer be included in NRS reporting.

NYSED Accountability portal:

AEPP will be utilizing NYSED's business portal to monitor and track the status and performance objectives of all EPE funded programs.

All required assessments must be administered in person:

Clarification: when a teacher provides the assessment, the teacher must be either NYSED Adult Education certified or K-12 certified. If other staff provide the assessments they must also receive training on each assessment and be certified through the RAEN center to administer the tests.

High School Equivalency Network:

All EPE programs providing HSE preparation services must attend and support the HSE Network meetings that will be convened by the local RAEN center.

Apprenticeship Network:

All EPE programs must attend and support the Apprenticeship Network meetings that will be convened by the local RAEN center.

Work Experience:

Both new and existing work experience programs must submit full documentation in their application which includes: program design, program curriculum, MOU with employer, expectation of services, follow up and job placement.

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