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Technical Issues in Large-Scale Assessment (TILSA) Collaborative

February 25-27, 2025
Virtual Meeting

The Council of Chief State School Officers is excited to host our Winter Collaborative meeting for the Technical Issues in Large-Scale Assessment (TILSA) Collaborative on a virtual conference platform.

Registration is required to access the meeting sessions.



Please note the Twitter symbols indicate which sessions are open or closed to social media.

COLLABORATIVE OVERVIEW

The Technical Issues in Large-Scale Assessment (TILSA) Collaborative focuses on technical issues facing state leaders in implementing, developing and maintaining their large-scale assessment programs.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- **Examine the Value of State Assessments:** Explore the role and purpose of state assessments in current and emerging educational landscapes, focusing on their value proposition for producing actionable state-level results.
- **Understand the Integration of Literacy Screeners and ELA Assessments:** Discuss the differences in constructs measured by early literacy screeners, diagnostic tools, and summative assessments and their implications for assessment design, administration, documentation and reporting.

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- **Facilitate Peer Learning and Problem Solving:** Create opportunities for state leaders and partners to share problems of practice, receive feedback, and collaboratively identify strategies to address pressing challenges in large-scale assessment syst

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DAY 1: Tuesday, February 25, 2025

11:30 a.m. - Noon ET

Explore Virtual Conference Space

Members will be able to join 5 minutes prior to Session 1 to enter the virtual room and get settled prior to official programming.

12:25 p.m. ET

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The Case for State Assessment

TILSA State Advisors and TILSA Members

Members are all aware of the potential impending changes to the role of state assessments and federal requirements. This session will provide us with an opportunity to consider the following question: *What is the value proposition for administering these assessments and producing state results?*

During this session, participants will break out into small groups to share current contexts and answer a series of key questions that will be used to develop a brief summary to be reviewed by and shared with TILSA members.

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2 - 2:30 p.m. ET

Explore the Innovation Hub/Break

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Cross-State Sharing and Collaboration

TILSA State Members and State Advisors

During this session, states and partners will have the opportunity to raise concerns, offer insights from their own experiences, and collaborate around potential solutions related to current challenges that may be emerging across states.

Participants will have access and may break out into smaller groups to discuss specific issues that are raised.

4:00 - 4:15 p.m. ET

Break/Transition

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4:15 - 5:00 p.m. ET

CCSSO Welcome + Opening Plenary: State Leadership in a Changing Federal Landscape

Join CCSSO's Federal Relations team for a federal update and to learn more about how CCSSO manages transitions in Congress and the Administration.

DAY 2: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

11:30 a.m. - Noon ET

Explore Virtual Conference Space

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12:25 p.m. ET

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Balancing Literacy Screeners and EL Assessments

Joint Session with Balanced Assessment Systems (BAS)

Tim Odegard, Middle Tennessee State University

This session will explore the critical distinctions between early literacy screeners, diagnostic assessments, and summative English language arts (ELA) assessments. Participants will gain insights into how constructs differ across these assessment types and how these differences influence design, administration and reporting.

Key discussion points include:

- Defining the construct measured by each assessment type.
- Evaluating evidence to ensure assessments function as intended, using summative technical reporting as a reference.
- Understanding the relationship between literacy

screeners and standards-based exams.

Participants will also engage in 30 minutes of breakout discussion organized by topic-specific rooms, such as construct definition, rebalancing systems, practical applications, technical quality and documentation, and communication strategies.

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State Only Time

TILSA State Advisors and TILSA State Members

During this session, state members will have the opportunity to engage with one another while addressing any issues that emerge from the pre-meeting survey.

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DAY 3: Thursday, February 27, 2025

11:30 a.m. - Noon ET

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12:25 p.m. ET

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12:30 - 2 p.m. ET

Test Security and State Assessment Administration

John Olson & Walt Drane (Caveon)
Georgia, Hawai'i, and West Virginia

This session will focus on key issues and best practices in test security for state assessment programs, with a focus on emerging challenges and innovations in the field. Participants will gain practical insights into strengthening the integrity of their assessment systems while addressing the complexities of administration in various testing environments.

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Identifying Topics for June Meeting

TILSA State Advisors and TILSA Members

During this session, state members will have the opportunity to identify potential topics that state and partner members can address during extended sharing and key topics that should be discussed during TILSA in June.