



Testing Division

Kathy Cox, State Superintendent of Schools

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MEMORANDUM

TO: System Test Coordinators

FROM: Sharron Hunt, Ph.D.
Director
Testing Division

SUBJECT: The Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) Item Review in Selected Grades in Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies for the Criterion-Referenced Competency Tests (CRCT)

The Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) is seeking recommendations for participants in the upcoming review of Georgia Performance Standards (GPS) items. This item review is comprised of two separate events occurring on different dates. The item review will specifically target items for the GPS in mathematics and social studies. These new GPS items will be field tested in the spring of 2007. During the field test data review, Georgia educators will be reviewing students' performance on the spring 2006 field test items. These include reading, grades 1 through 8, math grades 1-2, 6, and 7, and science grades 3 through 7. Both events will be held at the location listed below:

Atlanta Airport Marriott
4711 Best Road
College Park, GA 30337
(404)766-7900

Please note the dates of the separate events below:

1. Spring 2006 GPS Field Test Item Review is scheduled for July 17-19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day and on July 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

2. Spring 2006 GPS Field Test Data Review is scheduled for July 20 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on July 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To ensure that an adequate representation of educators from around Georgia is selected, System Test Coordinators should use the attached nomination forms to submit the names of qualified teachers to be considered for both reviews. Please submit 5- 10 nominations per system in the grades and content areas listed on the attached nomination forms.

Submit names of teachers from your system who:

- 1) are experienced in teaching the subject areas listed on the nomination forms,
- 2) represent the ethnic and regional diversity of your system,
- 3) teach diverse and/or exceptional student populations, and
- 4) would benefit from the experience.

Depending upon the response to nominations, all recommended teachers may not be selected.

Complete and submit one form for each person recommended for each of the activities. The same educators or different may be nominated for each of the activities based on a system's preference and availability of staff on the specific dates. Nominations must be faxed to Shannon Ozog at Riverside Publishing no later than June 14. The FAX number is 1-866-531-0089 and is also listed on the nomination form. Selected participants will be notified by June 23.

Reimbursements for mileage at the state rate of \$.44 per mile, accommodations, and per diem expenses of \$100 will be provided for qualifying participants. Breakfast and lunch will also be provided to participants. The dinner reimbursement cost is capped at \$15.00.

Thank you for your help with this important part of the CRCT program. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Shirley Millicans at shmillic@doe.k12.ga.us or (404) 656-2589.

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