# Florida Department of EDUCATION

## Request for School Participation in Item Tryouts in Support of the Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform

If you would like to participate in this valuable Item Tryout process for the Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform, please complete the application form at the following location:

http://www.cvent.com/d/wcq57l

Response requested within two weeks of receiving this notice.

The Florida Department of Education in cooperation with its vendor, Pearson, is currently developing the Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform. The Item Bank and Test Platform is a tool that will allow Florida School Districts to construct, deliver and score valid and reliable assessments based on course content standards for diagnostic, interim and summative assessment purposes. Part of this project is the development and review of high-quality assessment items in the areas of English/Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, science and Spanish.

To obtain rich and reliable psychometric data on these items, the department will conduct Item Tryouts in October of 2013. The department requests that your schools become involved. Voluntary participation in the October 2013 Item Tryouts will allow district and school level educators an opportunity to learn more about and receive training on the developing functionality of the Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform.
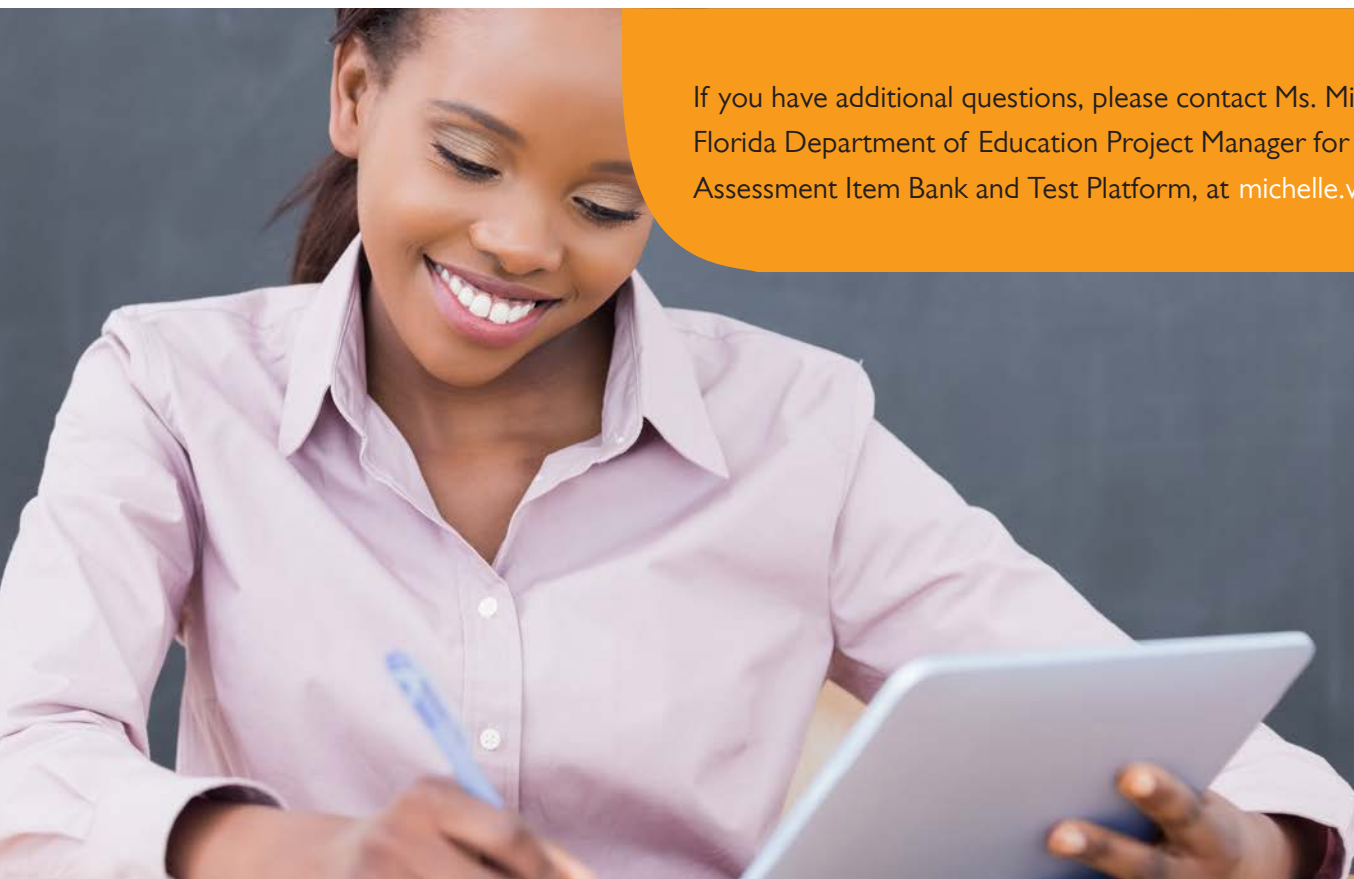
School Districts that choose to participate will administer tests, one subject area per school, in an electronic format through the Item Bank and Test Platform. The target student population includes first through twelfth grade students in the areas of English/Language Arts, mathematics, social studies, science and Spanish. As part of the Item Tryouts students will be responding to items written to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English/Language Arts and mathematics and to the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for Spanish, social studies and science. Access Point items will be included in try-outs in the areas of social studies and science. After students have completed online testing, teachers can immediately see their results.

In order to participate, schools must meet the technology requirements provided in the table below.

In addition to meeting these technology requirements, participating districts will be asked to submit student and teacher course and demographic data in order to populate the Item Bank and Test Platform with roster data for item tryouts. The four data formats (student demographic, student course, staff demographic and teacher course) will be collected via a FTP site in the standard reporting format. This data will need to be submitted and kept up to date for approximately 30 days prior to testing.

## Secure Systems Tester Minimum Requirements

|  | Windows | Mac |
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| Processor / Computer | 1.0 GHz or faster processor | Intel Core Duo 1.83 GHz or faster processor |
| Operating System | Microsoft Windows XP SP3 or Windows Vista or Windows 7 | Apple Mac OS X 10.4.8 or above |
| Memory | 512 MB RAM (1 GB recommended) | 256 MB RAM (1 GB recommended) |
| Available Disk Space | 80 MB | 80 MB |
| Display | XGA (1024 x 768 pixel) resolution | XGA (1024 x 768 pixel) resolution |
| Software | Microsoft.net Framework 2.0 | |

If you have additional questions, please contact Ms. Michelle Worrell, Florida Department of Education Project Manager for the Florida Interim Assessment Item Bank and Test Platform, at michelle.worrell@fldoe.org.