



PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF NORTH CAROLINA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION | June St. Clair Atkinson, Ed.D., *State Superintendent*

WWW.NCPUBLICSCHOOLS.ORG

TO LEA Superintendents
Charter School Directors

FROM Rebecca Garland, Chief Academic Officer
Angela Quick, Deputy Chief Academic Officer
Academic Services and Instructional Support

Lou Fabrizio, Director
Accountability Policy and Communications

ABS
ADW

LMF

DATE December 1, 2010

DISTRIBUTED SCORING FOR THE NC GENERAL WRITING ASSESSMENT AT GRADE 10

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI) is pleased to offer North Carolina educators the ability to participate in the distributed scoring of the 2011 North Carolina Writing Assessment at Grade 10. Distributed Scoring consists of scanning handwritten student essays into a vendor's computer system which distributes them securely online to scorers. Scorers securely download the necessary computer programs and software, and then score student responses from home using a secure web site.

As in previous years, all potential scoring candidates must meet the rigorous requirements set forth by the NCDPI. Potential scorers must first meet the eligibility criteria and then pass the necessary requirements in order to qualify for a scoring position. After receiving approval to score the assessments, scorers must maintain the high reliability standards required by the NCDPI. Those who do not will be removed from the project and all of the student responses they scored will be rescored. Scorers will also be required to sign Test Security and Confidentiality Agreements.

Pearson, the vendor for this project, will continue to provide the central headquarters to supervise the scoring operation. In addition, the NCDPI personnel will have the capability to monitor the scoring process remotely by access to real-time scoring reports and data statistics.

Educators who are interested in this opportunity must follow the attached procedures listed in order to be considered in the applicant pool.

DIVISION OF ACCOUNTABILITY SERVICES

6314 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-6314 | (919) 807-3769 | Fax (919) 807-3772

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY/AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER

NC Scoring Application Process

1. Please visit the Pearson web site for North Carolina at: **<http://www.flexiblescoring-nc.pearson.com>**. You can read more about the distributed scoring process, find out about the technology requirements for your computer, and read the qualifications for prospective applicants.
2. Apply for scoring positions online at: **<http://www.flexiblescoring-nc.pearson.com>** or **<https://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/80911/Scoreessaysfromhomeapp1.htm>**. Please submit online applications from December 1, 2010 to January 24, 2011.
3. Approximately one week after the online application is submitted, applicants will receive a generic e-mail stating that Pearson has received the information.
4. Notification letters will be sent during the week of February 14, 2011, to applicants who are selected for a scoring position. The offer will request that the applicant either accept or decline the position.
5. If the applicant is not selected for this position or decides to decline the position, their application will remain on file for consideration for other programs.
6. If the position is accepted, then the applicant will be required to complete employment paperwork (including an I-9 signed and verified by a Notary). The applicant will have approximately two weeks to complete these steps.
7. Approximately two weeks after all paperwork is due to Pearson Human Resources Division, applicants will receive a "Welcome" e-mail with project dates and passwords to access the secure site. If any paperwork has not been completed and received in the Pearson HR office by February 23, 2011, the applicant will be removed from the pool of potential scorers.

Please share this information with individuals who may be interested in applying to participate in the distributed scoring of the North Carolina Writing Assessments at Grade 10. We appreciate your continued support for the North Carolina Testing and Accountability Programs.

RG/AQ/LF/jk

- c: Test Coordinators/Directors
Regional Accountability Coordinators
June St. Clair Atkinson, State Superintendent
Tammy Howard, Section Chief, Test Development
Sarah McManus, Section Chief, Testing Policy & Operations
Jim Kroening, Educational Testing and Accountability Consultant