

New for the 2020 PA Alternate System of Assessment (PASA) – 2.0*

**Version 2.0 is an update to "Important News for 2020" previously posted to the PASA website.*

The PA Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education, provides the following updates for the administration of the 2020 PASA.

REDUCED SHIPMENT OF ASSESSMENT MATERIALS FROM THE PASA VENDOR

- Beginning this school year, there will be no delivery of student assessment materials (i.e., the bound booklets containing the answer choices).
- If a student requires printed materials rather than accessing the assessment digitally via an iPad or computer, the assessor must download and provide the printed student materials. Student materials must be printed in color. Local Education Agencies and Service Providers will be provided manipulative kits for students that shall be kept by the assessors for instructional and assessment purposes. Kits shall not be returned to the PASA vendor.
- Concerns and/or needs associated with printing of assessment materials may be emailed to alternateassessment@pattan.net.

NO RETURN OF ASSESSMENT MATERIALS TO THE PASA VENDOR

- PASA Assessment Coordinators (ACs) and assessors are no longer required to return by mail any physical assessment materials to the PASA vendor, as all test responses will be entered and scored through the PASA digital test administration system.
- All printed assessment materials must be destroyed. The PASA AC is responsible for ensuring the destruction of assessment materials and/or removal of assessment downloads from all iPads and computers.
- All test security affidavits will be completed online.

NO VIDEO RECORDING OF STUDENTS

- Beginning this school year, assessors will not be required to video record and upload the performance of students into the PASA Digital system. Assessors will continue to be required to enter student responses online.
- Completion of parent and assessor video consent forms are no longer required and/or applicable.

NO SUBMISSION OF NARRATIVE NOTES REQUEST

- As a result of the elimination of video recording and uploading, there is no longer the requirement to submit requests for approval to the Bureau of Special Education for use of narrative notes.
- Assessors no longer need to complete a narrative notes script during test administration for students who previously were not permitted to be recorded.