

Question	Answer(s) 11/10/2021	Assessment Office Answers (11/18/2021)	AVAILABLE LINKS
Were would a district find instructions how to create the teacher as a user on NWEA		Refer to Part 3 of the User & Student Management Guide	
Am I hearing this correctly? Our EL students will have their home language (only Spanish for us) version of the test automatically for testing? Most of our students need to read and/or hear it in English, not Spanish.	live answered	Districts can update the test Language (column W) by uploading an updated Registration Report within the NSCAS Growth platform; Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide	Assessment Coordinators Resources for 2021-2022
So, if a district have students not tied to a teacher through courses in adviser, a district will have to create the teacher an account and group the teacher with the students.	live answered	Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide	NSCAS Growth Manuals
How often are the students/rosters updated in NSCAS? And what was part of the one time update that was loaded to NSCAS?	live answered	NDE sends an updated roster file to NWEA each Thursday (expect for holiday wks) throughout the test window. Only student demographics and enrollment are updated after the initial roster submitted on 11/3/2021. District will be able to see updates in the NSCAS Growth platform each Saturday.	NSCAS Growth User & Student Management Guide
So, the rostering we do through NWEA Map for districts will NOT be used at all for NSCAS Growth?	live answered	Correct - MAP Growth district rosters is NOT used for NSCAS Growth Rostering.	NSCAS Growth Assessment Coordinator Guide
Couldn't you use the uniquenesscode in Adviser?	live answered	Please remember to provide Group Name improvement suggestions through the "End-of-Test-Window" Surveys NWEA will be sending out.	
Could the online group name include the uniquenesscode?	it contains the local course code, section identifier, and teacher last name	Please remember to provide Group Name improvement suggestions through the "End-of-Test-Window" Surveys NWEA will be sending out.	
Is it correct that For Students in 3rd - 8th we do not need to upload the data for Winter Pilot or Spring testing in NWEA?	live answered	Student data for the Winter Pilot was provided by NDE through a state roster on 11/3/21. Rostering for Spring 2022 testing is TBD.	HOW-TO Video Links
Our 3rd and 4th grade classes will take the testing Pilot this winter as well as NWEA growth for science and math. Do we need to upload them separately from the State upload or will be able to put them into the extra tests inside NWEA?	live answered	Districts must upload their own roster file for MAP Growth testing. NDE has provided a state roster file for NSCAS Growth and districts do not need to do the same.	How to Create and Find Test Groups
Are we comparing last school years rosters at this time?	live answered	No	Assigning Accommodations and NTCs
When calculating fte for sped alt assess, this is the students general education fte or time spent in school, not necessarily service time indicated on IEPs correct?	live answered	FTE = Full-Time Equivalency. Definition: The ratio between time of the student's assignment to a school for services or instruction and the hours that would consist of a student's full educational program. (Not just the service time indicated on IEPs.)	How to Find Students
There was something mention about how to add teachers to see the results if they are not linked in PowerSchool (Reading Specialists, etc.)	live answered	Refer to Part 3 of the User & Student Management Guide	How to Print Test Tickets
Last week we were told students would be initially grouped according to Math and Reading teachers as described by their NDE Course codes.	live answered	Refer to Part 3 of the User & Student Management Guide; and the How to Create and find Test Groups video.	
My question is where do we see the assigned teachers on the NWEA reports that went live 11/8?	live answered	Refer to Part 3 of the User & Student Management Guide; and the How to Create and find Test Groups video.	NWEA Support Contact Info: 855-225-9926 NWEANebraska@nwea.org
So this is in the Online Group Names column? Why would mine be blank for 10170 rows?	live answered	Group Names = Local Course Code + Section ID + Instructor Last Name, pulled from ADVISER	
Which file do we download from NSCAS Growth?	live answered	To update student accommodations pull the Operational Report "Registration Report"	
Where in NSCAS Growth does the upload occur. Not seeing that menu option.	live answered	Effective 12/20/2021 districts will also be able to update Group Names via a registration report upload.	
If you say "Online Group Names" are not needed, then how do the teachers get their "class" in front of them to actually test? Does it pull their rostered classes on the NWEA side of things?		Refer to Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide	
Do we need to create and assign groups to teachers for testing if they are testing students that they do not have in class?		Groups are not essential for students to test. Please refer to Part 5 of the User & Student Management Guide; Part 3 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide; and the How to Print Test Tickets video.	
NSCAS roster report says it needs to be downloaded to really use it. I have brought it down as an excel file and it cannot be sorted because it has merged boxes in it. It is fairly useless if it can't be sorted. Can this be fixed somehow?	I recommend downloading it as a csv file	Groups are not essential for students to test. Please refer to Part 5 of the User & Student Management Guide; Part 3 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide; and the How to Print Test Tickets video.	
I have and it still can't be sorted for the same reason.	Once the file is downloaded you can also Unmerge the cells. It will not change the data fields. I personally will delete line 1, unmerge and then play with the list.	The ADVISER roster reports can be downloaded in excel or csv format. Removing the merged fields will not alter the data itself.	
If I understand correctly, we do NOT need to upload any roster or program reports to NWEA this year. Is this correct?	live answered	The ADVISER roster reports can be downloaded in excel or csv format. Removing the merged fields will not alter the data itself.	
Where do we find the NSCAS Growth download file to add accommodations?	live answered	Districts do not need to upload a roster file for NSCAS Growth. The district will need to upload a roster for the MAP Growth, if you plan to administer.	
		Refer to Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide and to the Assigning Accommodations and NTCs video	

Are we uploading separate rosters for NSCAS Growth or not uploading ?	live answered	NDE has provided a state roster file for NSCAS Growth and districts do not need to do the same.	
If we roster via Clever to NWEA and upload a separate Programs file -- we are good for NSCAS rostering, correct?		No - Clever only rosters to MAP Growth. NDE has provided a state roster file for NSCAS Growth and districts do not need to do the same.	
So if "Instructors" need access and already have access in NWEA is there a different process for granting access to NSCAS?		No - if staff already has an account they can access both CAP and the new NSCAS Growth platform.	
Can you address the roster for NSCAS Growth...writing and reading loading for ELA at the elementary level? And some EL students are in their own class...Please advise.	live answered	Group Names = Local Course Code + Section ID + Instructor Last Name, pulled from ADVISER. Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide	
You can't set up groups until 12.20.21 - I was told.	live answered	Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide. Effective 12/20/2021 districts will also be able to update Group Names in BULK via a registration report upload.	
Yes. But the same teacher has 4 "classes" say 12 and 13 one being a reading class and another a writing class. How can they be put together?	live answered	Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide. Effective 12/20/2021 districts will also be able to update Group Names in BULK via a registration report upload.	
This won't happen until spring?? Please advise. about the rostering of "online" group name...	live answered		
Operational report - or somewhere else to find the ACC bulk upload file...	live answered	Refer to Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide and to the Assigning Accommodations and NTCs video	
How do you know to add reading or writing? Is there business rule that you are following...sorry for all my Qs.	live answered	The coding for the state roster file first looks for an ELA and Math course, if not found it looks for a homeroom course. If pulls the first course it recognized for each ELA/Math or homeroom. If none are found it was left blank.	
Groups are for reports and not test sessions in late December.		Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide. Effective 12/20/2021 districts will also be able to update Group Names in BULK via a registration report upload.	
I am still having trouble downloading the NSCAS Roster file from Adviser due to size-system keeps timing out. Is there anything that can be adjusted to allow larger files to download?	We have heard that form several large districts, it is on my list to look at speeding up the report in the near future	This has been taken care of.	
Can we discuss the NSCAS roster and the Language field that is being pulled from Adviser and then automatically assigning Spanish tests?	live answered	Language (Column W in the registration report) can be update in the same manner as accommodations. Refer to Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide and to the Assigning Accommodations and NTCs video	
This is not something that has been done before and would like to know the conversations behind the decision?	live answered		
I am confused about SPED, FTE needs to be higher than 51 % to code ALT Assessment to 'YES' or ?	live answered	FTE of 51% or higher and the ALT Assessment field are two separate student population criteria	
In a few zooms that I have been a part of, people have mentioned creating cohort groups for teachers who need access to student scores but do not have them in a class(ex: Special Education teachers). How do we create those?	live answered	Districts can create/edit/delete existing Group Names within the NSCAS Growth platform. Refer to Part 2 of the Assessment Coordinator Guide. Effective 12/20/2021 districts will also be able to update Group Names in BULK via a registration report upload.	
Forgive my confusion. I was given instructions on uploading NSCAS Growth Winter Pilot Accommodations. Are you saying this isn't necessary or is this a completely different thing?	live answered	Districts to need add accommodations for their students. Refer to Part 4 of the User & Student Management Guide and to the Assigning Accommodations and NTCs video	
I just get a blank window when I select NSCAS on the NWEA site - a step to download the file to add accommodations. It this not ready yet or do I need more rights?		NWEA has rolled out some Roles fixes that caused this issue. Please try again. If you still cannot gain access to Operational Reports contact NWEA Support.	
I heard students with a 51% or higher FTE and then I thought I heard less than 50%. A student who is 50% FTE wouldn't be included in either group. What is the FTE cut-off for the students?	It is 51%, which is the same cutoff as membership and state aid etc. We don't generally recommend anyone ever be listed at 50% FTE	Students with an FTE of 51% or higher is expected to participate in one of the three NSCAS Assessments: NSCAS Growth, NSCAS Alternate or the NSCAS ACT.	