

RFP ALSDE 2024-06 *Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program*

Contact: Ms. Cindy Gillespie

Questions from Vendors

Question	Answer
Please confirm that all educator committee meetings should be bid in-person for equivalent comparison of costs across vendor bids.	Yes, we are projecting that all meetings will be in person.
Please confirm that the “Estimated Number of Students Tested–Summative” is per grade, and the “Estimated Number of Students Tested–Alternate” is across all grades.	Yes, the estimated number for Summative is per grade and the estimated number for Alternate is across all grades.
For the remote testing option, please confirm that ALSDE wants bidders to propose a cost option for the additional item development and field testing needed to create a separate and unique form each year for remote testing.	Yes, a cost option for a separate form each year and how the vendor proposes to assist with remote testing.
Please confirm that ALSDE would like to continue the current practice of Braille Review meetings for all assessments, in addition to the requirement to have Braille materials proofed by an independent party.	Yes, reviewed by educators and an independent party.
Please confirm that ALSDE wishes to continue the current practice of the vendor printing and shipping test tickets for online test administration for both the summative spring administration and the new high school administration.	Yes, printing and shipping test tickets will be required of the vendor.
Please confirm that the State has a separate contract with MetaMetrics for Lexiles and Quantiles and that the bidder does not have to engage MetaMetrics as a subcontractor on this bid.	This is correct. ALSDE has a separate contract with MetaMetrics.
The RFP states that the Alternate Assessment should only be tested at one grade in high school for science. Currently the ACAP-Alternate is tested in science at both grades 10 and 11. Please confirm that the Alternate should only test science at one grade in high school under the new contract.	ALSDE will only test one grade in high school to fulfill the Peer Review requirement.

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<p>The table on page 8 of the RFP indicates that PreACT Secure and the ACT with Writing are both in scope for this RFP and are required statewide assessments. However, because the RFP prohibits vendors from proposing commercially off-the-shelf assessments, please confirm that the new high school assessments which ALSDE is seeking to develop through this solicitation are in addition to PreACT Secure and the ACT, and will not replace those assessments and Alabama will continue to administer PreACT Secure and the ACT under a separate contract.</p>	<p>The chart you are referring to includes all assessments that are presently required.</p>
<p>Please clarify the response provided in the question above. Does this mean that since the ACT and PreACT Secure are in scope for this RFP, that a proposal including these products will be accepted, even though they are off-the-shelf assessments? While this may contradict the language on page 6 that states "Commercial off-the-shelf assessments or products will not meet the needs of this proposal" it may be supported by the language on page 110 that states "ALSDE is not seeing to use vendor owned items unless there is compelling psychometric rationale."</p>	<p>The chart refers to the current assessments that the State is administering and was included for reference as to what we administer for the entire assessment program. ACT, PreACT, and ACT WorkKeys is not within the scope of this RFP. The State is not accepting proposals for off-the-shelf assessments for this RFP.</p>