Preparing for Administration

How do we know who our FLKRS district contact is?
The district assessment coordinator will identify the primary FLKRS district contact. FDOE will maintain the list of FLKRS district contacts to share with Renaissance and all district assessment coordinators.

Given that Star Early Literacy is adaptive and testing time varies, what is the average administration testing time for students?
The national average is 15 minutes for kindergarten students.

Will we be sent an updated log in for this year?
The updated administrator login information will be sent to the FLKRS district contacts the week of July 13th.

What is the teacher password?
Teacher passwords will be the same as their username for the first login. They will receive a prompt to change their password after they log in for the first time.

Is FLKRS required for retained students? If not and we test retained students, will they be excluded from our district data?
No, retained students should not participate in FLKRS. If tested, they will be excluded from district results.

How do we securely send the FLEIDS for charter schools who are not in our regular Renaissance site?
Districts can send an email to FLKReadiness@renaissance.com and Renaissance will send you login information for a secure SFTP site. You can then upload a completed roster file for Renaissance to create additional students.

Charter school students are often left out with the SRDI process. Have there been any improvements to the process for getting Charter School files loaded quickly?
If charter school information is included in the district's SIS files, that information will populate into the FLKRS site through SRDI. If roster files are completed for charter schools, in the format specified, they are often imported into the site within 2 business days. Districts should make every effort to include only new students in roster files to expedite the process.

If we have the first 30 school days to complete testing, why can we only select 30 calendar days on the site?
Renaissance has changed how screening windows are scheduled in the platform. You are no longer limited to 30 calendar days, you can now set the screening window to include 30 school days.
Could the practice test be revised to have questions that are age-appropriate for beginning K students? They would be much more confident going into the lab if they were able to successfully answer the practice questions.

The practice test cannot be revised at this time. It accurately reflects the different types of questions a student may encounter. Please encourage administrators to use this opportunity to remind students they may not know the answer to all the questions. If students don’t know the answer to a question, they should make their best guess.

We had issues with students whose names were longer than what the system allowed, has that issue been altered?
If a student's first name is longer than 20 characters, their password will be the first 20 characters of their first name.

How does a symbol in the name impact the password?
Spaces and apostrophes will not be included in the student password. Hyphens can be included.

Last year our FLKRS site had students from the 18-19 school year as well as the 19-20 school year for some reason. This made it confusing for teachers when getting student login information AND was confusing when viewing reports. The issue was not resolved until after our window ended...how will you all ensure this does not happen again this year?
That will not be an issue this year. When the site was upgraded all data was removed from the site.

Could you please send the webinar training PPT out to all webinar participants?

Are you able to share the list of private schools from St. Lucie County who participated in yesterday's call so we can reach out and offer support?
We do not have an attendee list by district, but we can share a list of schools that have expressed an interest to participate. Send your request to FLKRS@fldoe.org.

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Could you please provide a document with recommendations for sanitizing, social distancing, etc., while assessing?
Districts will develop safety plans locally; the department plan contains recommendations for re-opening schools. If you’d like to provide or discuss your district FLKRS plan, we can provide feedback.

Due to COVID-19, will we have more than 30 school days to test students?
Please communicate with the Department of Education (FLKRS@fldoe.org) if you need additional time to administer FLRKS this fall.

If we aren't using the data for accountability then why are we doing this?
FLKRS is an additional tool for schools, teachers, and parents to learn how to support students’ learning. Assessments like these are a necessary component to helping all students, but especially those whose achievement gaps were almost certainly exacerbated by this crisis, recover lost learning.
On Slide 5, regarding no at-home testing, does this include virtual students? Should they come in to a campus to be assessed?
Schools and districts can use their best judgement in how to schedule students for FLKRS testing and test as you are able to.

Is there a non-participation characteristic for fully virtual students?
We were unable to add an additional non-participation characteristic for this situation. If students will not come to campus to test, “Refusal” would be the most appropriate characteristic to mark for these students.

After the Assessment

If students do not get through the practice, it still shows as an attempt on the report to see who has tested and who has not, but that they have not completed it. What non-participation characteristic do we mark for these students who are NOT SWD?
For students who are not able to complete the practice items, please mark “Non-Participating—Unable to Complete Sample Items.”

Is there a way to show non-participation characteristics on the report of who has tested and who has not tested so we can ensure all students who have not tested have a non-participation characteristic checked?
Yes, when selecting the criteria you want to see on the report you can select whether or not you want students with non-participation characteristics to show on the report, see the steps in the answer below.

Does the district report that shows percent of completion include non-participation students as complete?
In the upgraded Renaissance platform there is a way to remove students from the report that have a non-participation characteristic. When you are selecting the data for the report select “Choose Demographic” and select all characteristics you want to be included in the report. This also applies to My Created Reports.

On the test activity report, does it show students that have been marked as non-participation as missing a score?
All students who have taken the assessment will show as complete on the Test Activity report. You can however modify what students are on the report by selecting or unselecting what characteristics you want to see on the report. See the answer in the question above for steps.

Does the test activity report include students who have been marked as non-participation? Will they show as no test?
If a student has been assigned a non-participation characteristic and still takes the assessment they will show up on the Test Activity report. You can however modify what students are on the report by selecting or unselecting what characteristics you want to see on the report. See the answer in the question above for steps.

Why would Title 1 be a non-participant?
That is a generic non-participating characteristic that other states may use.