Learning Renewal Interim Assessments 2021-22 FAQ

1. Will students be loaded via SIS or will districts have to manually load students?

- Yes, an initial load of students will be pushed from SIS to PAN on 9/15/21. Then on 9/20/21, there will be a push from SIS to PAN to register students for Interim 1. On 9/21 or after, districts can update demographics and add accommodations for students.
- b. Initial student registration will be completed prior to each interim.
 - i. Below are the dates for Interim 2 & 3 when districts/schools can begin registration:
 - 1. Interim 2: 1/11/22
 - 2. Interim 3: 4/19/22
 - ii. **IMPORTANT:** Do NOT update demographics or add accommodations until the initial student registration has been pushed from SIS to PAN. If you do, your work will be overwritten.
- 2. Is the Intelligent Blueprint (Scope & Sequence) set at the school or district level?
 - a. The Intelligent Blueprint is set at the district level. All schools within that district will use the same scope and sequence for each interim.

3. How do I set my district scope and sequence?

- a. The district test coordinator is responsible for setting the Intelligent Blueprint (Scope and Sequence).
- b. You can find helpful process documents on setting the Intelligent Blueprint (Scope and Sequence) at: <u>https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/learningRenewalInterimResources/</u>
- 4. Are the Learning Renewal Interim Assessments a timed test?
 - a. Interim assessments are designed to be administered within a 45 minute session. However, the interim assessment is not a timed test. This time period will allow for test administrators to read instructions, answer any questions, and for the students to complete the assessment. If all students have completed testing before the end of the class period, the session may end.

5. Are paper tests available for the Learning Renewal Interim Assessments?

- a. No, paper test booklets are not available. However, hard-copy braille tests are available and can be ordered via PearsonAccessNext.
- b. Find the list of all available accommodations in the Learning Renewal Interim Assessments Accommodations and Accessibility Features Manual. This can be found at: https://il.mypearsonsupport.com/learningRenewalInterimResources/

6. Is answer masking an available accessibility feature for all students?

a. Yes, but it does need to be marked in the student's Personal Needs Profile (PNP) in PearsonAccessNext.

7. Can we proctor cache?

- a. Proctor caching is not supported for the Learning Renewal Interim Assessments.
- b. Pearson no longer recommends utilizing proctor caching for the summative assessment either.
- c. If your organization does not have proctor cache machines set up from a previous administration, you do not need to do anything additional.
- d. If your organization does have proctor cache machines set up from a previous administration, there are two options:

- i. Remove all configurations. This option is recommended if you do not plan to proctor cache for the summative assessment. Note, if you do remove all configurations this will carry forward to Spring 2022.
- ii. Set up a proctor cache Configuration called "No Cache" Select this option if you desire to proctor cache in Spring 2022 even though it's not recommended.
 - 1. Note: you do not have to name the proctor cache machine "no cache", but this is our recommendation, so you know which machine to select for interim verses summative.
- iii. If your organization does not have proctor caching set up for previous IAR assessments, you do not need to take any additional steps.