To: All SED funded HSE programs  
From: Robert L. Purga, NYS Director of Adult Education  
Re: TASC Readiness Assessment

All SED funded High School Equivalency (HSE) preparation programs are mandated to provide the TASC Readiness Assessment to students who are preparing to take the TASC® test. In the past, it was recommended that only those students who had scored into levels 5 & 6 on the National Reporting System (NRS) Educational Functioning Level chart were referred to the TASC® test. The Data Recognition Corporation, the publisher of the TASC® test, has indicated there is little correlation between the current TABE series 9/10 and the TASC® test; there is a clear correlation between the new TABE series 11/12 that NYS will implement beginning with July 1, 2019.

Until TABE 11/12 is implemented statewide, this office is recommending that programs use the TASC Readiness scores to identify those students that may be ready to sit for the TASC® test. In many cases, this will include students that test at NRS Levels 3 & 4 on the current TABE 9/10 series. Further, if a teacher believes that a student could pass the TASC test even if that student scores below the TASC Readiness Assessment range indicating the student is ready to test, the program can refer the student to the TASC test.

In all cases, the TASC Readiness scores must be recorded in ASISTS and on the T-TAF forms when submitted prior to the student sitting for the TASC test.

The TASC Readiness Assessment is the practice test that predicts how likely a candidate is to pass the actual TASC® test. The Readiness Assessment is available as a paper-and-pencil test or a computer-based test, and the student can opt to take it in English or Spanish. The question formats mimic those on the official TASC® test, including multiple choice, essay, and gridded-response. The test will take approximately half of the amount of testing time as the full TASC test battery. More information about the TASC Readiness assessment can be found at http://www.tasctest.com/readiness-assessment-2.html.

Once TASC Readiness scores are recorded in ASISTS, it is advisable that the program generates the T-TAF directly from ASISTS. This resource is located in the same area of ASISTS where the scores are recorded. The screen shot below will assist in finding this feature in ASISTS.

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