

Touching Base: Cohort I

May 12, 2006

BEAR Submission Reminders

- The BEAR administration window closes today (5/12/06).
- The BEAR reporting system through ADE opened on Monday (5/8/06).
- All submissions must be approved in the ADE system by next Friday (5/19/06).

Tips for the BEAR Data Submission

- To date, every site has been contacted at least once by Lisa Medler to provide ADE passwords and answer any questions. If you are experiencing any trouble, contact her right away (medler_l@cde.state.co.us; 303/866-6672).
- Do not wait until the last day to try the submission process! Aim to submit to ADE by next Monday (5/15/06). This process can take some time.
- The most common problem that sites encounter is a mismatch in BEAR biographical data and RITS data (e.g., Oct Count data). For each student, the ADE system checks the following variables against the RITS system: SASID, first name, last name, gender, and date of birth.
- Use the submission resources on the CRF assessment site at: www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/rf_assessment.htm. You will find the Data Import Utility tool to help clean and prepare your file for the ADE submission. There is also an ADE User's Guide that walks you through the process step-by-step.
- A couple of people have experienced problems in renaming their ADE file. Some computers will add on a hidden extension that must be deleted. If you are not sure how to fix this, contact Lisa.

RTI Conference

- See attached brochure for more information on this opportunity.

Free Teacher Workshops

- The U.S. Department of Education will hold a series of workshops for teachers and principals this summer. The Teacher-to-Teacher Summer Workshops are geared toward K-12 teachers and principals and anyone who works directly with students.
- The Denver Summer Workshop (June 5-6) will offer sessions for teachers of grades 6-12 in all subject areas. The workshop will be held at the Colorado Convention Center.
- Teachers can register for the workshop by visiting www.t2tweb.us <http://www.t2tweb.us>. For more information, call 303 844-3544.

CRF Information Clearinghouse

- All questions should be directed to Mariah Aldinger (aldinger_m@cde.state.co.us; 303/866-6756).

Online Courses

- The following online courses are available by clicking on these URLs:
- The Reading First Classroom: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/RFclassroom/welcome.htm>
- Phonemic Awareness: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/PhonemicAwareness/welcome.htm>
- Phonics: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/Phonics/welcome.htm>
- Fluency (to be posted during the week of 5/22/06): <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdecomp/CRFCourses/Fluency/welcome.htm>

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