
Time to sign up for Fall TAG Testing

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Dear Elementary TAG Coordinators & Administrators:

TGIF! 😊

I have had you all on my mind every day, hoping you're doing well as you continually flex and shift and adapt to all that is happening in education. Subbing in schools has offered me a closer look at the hard working talent we have on our 4J Team: teachers, counselors, administrators - everyone! Thank you for your continued commitment to our shared work! It's time to look at the "when" of Fall TAG testing for your building, and I thought it best to get out ahead of it with plenty of time. I'll try to make this as clear as possible so it doesn't feel "like one more thing" - which I know is hard to avoid. I thank you for your patience as you through the details. 😊

In organizing our traditional Fall TAG Testing plan, I have tried to keep it as "normal" as possible to align with how it's been done in previous years before Covid threw a wrench into everything. We will look at possible changes next year, but for now our amazing 4J TAG Testing Team Trio: Kerri Sage, Debi Noel, and Debby Delp will conduct the testing in your buildings after coordinating the specific dates and times with you. **We have two documents that help this run smoothly:**

1. The attached spreadsheet is where you sign up for your building's testing dates (which are listed below). After you enter some basic info into the spreadsheet, you select a 1st and 2nd choice for the testing dates that area offered. Kerri, Debi, and Debby will have access to this spreadsheet to prevent communication gaps, and so we are all on the same page. No one needs more chaos. It's a pretty straightforward process, but you need to talk with your administrator about your ideal dates during this range.

Here's the link: [2021 Fall TAG Testing Signup Spreadsheet](#)

2. There is also a handy dandy Testing Roster (google doc) to use to list the students you need tested. **Please make your own copy** and use it so these rosters are uniform across buildings **and** so that the Testing Team can access your roster. Please refer to the "TAG Testing Watch List" that may have been generated at your school last Spring from SBAC scores, other assessments, and any other solid evidence to justify TAG testing. It is SO important for you to **make a copy of this template BEFORE you begin filling it out**. Add the name of your school to the title so the Testing Team and I can easily find it in the labyrinth of docs in our shared 4J TAG Coordinators drive. Here's an example: *"2021 Fall TAG Testing Roster for Super School Elementary"*. Thank you for doing that. Here's the link: [2021 Fall TAG Testing Roster Template for schools](#)

The FOUR weeks for this year's Fall TAG testing are:

Week 1 November 15th - 19th (MTWThF)

Week 2 November 22nd - 24th (MTW)

Week 3 November 29th - December 3rd (MTWThF)

Week 4 December 6th - 10th (MTWThF).

You will get to mark a 1st and 2nd choice of weeks in the spreadsheet. The Testing Team will coordinate the actual day(s) with you once your week has been settled on.

Special note about Kindergarten: It's considered best practices to wait until the Spring testing window unless there are truly exceptional circumstances. Any questions, let me know.

Thank you for completing the spreadsheet and the roster as soon as is possible so we make sure we have enough materials ordered for all of our little TAG testers when the day comes. Don't sweat this today! It's Friday! I just wanted you to have the dates and details in case people have been asking you. I hope you have a relaxing weekend!

Best -

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"Wisdom begins in wonder" - Socrates
