

WIOA II-related Questions and Answers from the CDE

CAEP Office Hour

April 3, 2020

1. Do you have any idea how the WIOA funding is going to be based on due to disruption the COVID 19 disruption since it is impacting our student population

The AEO knows that there is going to be an issue related to using the data from the 2019-2020 year for funding grants in the 2021-2022 year. We will be looking at the current year data as well as the prior two years under the current RFA to determine funding levels for the 2021-22 grant year. The new grant cycle, beginning 2020-2021, will be based on 2018-19 data and projected enrollment information applicants supplied.
2. Will there be any adjustments to the WIOA Employment & Earnings Survey due to the large number of 'exiting' students at this time?

At this time, the US Dept. of Education is not making any adjustments. I have shared with them our concerns as they relate to our survey data. I am working with CASAS to see if there are other ways to push out the survey. Additionally, agencies can get into TE remotely and push the survey out.
3. Understanding we cannot do CASAS testing remotely, is there any idea when we'll get more guidance from the state level on other alternatives for pre & post testing?

We are looking at alternatives but do not have any current guidance.
4. If the College Board is allowing HS students to take their AP tests at home timed at 45 minutes, as open book, why can't CASAS testing follow suite?

The College Board is making a great many changes to the AP tests this year, including allowing it to be open book/note. The feds have recently provided guidance that remote testing is possible, but must follow all NRS requirements. CASAS is currently reviewing options for remote testing.
5. The March 27 email says that WIOA fund distribution should remain on schedule. When do we find out who was successful in their apps. Have agencies been notified? Thought we were supposed to find out the 3rd week of March.

The AEO apologizes for the delay in releasing the information related to the RFA. We have had a delay with the LWDB reading their section as well as third reads.
6. Sorry if this has been discussed already but wouldn't strong consideration be given to providing WIOA funds based on some kind of previous allocation or two year average and not this year's, potentially immeasurable outcomes. Additionally, if schools are implementing distance learning, growth not traditionally measure, that of the technology skill, gain could justify the lack of traditional learning gains.

This is something we can certainly look into.
7. In our correctional facility, because the inmates cannot get out of their cells, they are not able to access the technology to continue their online learning that they were doing before this event.

Is there a way to put this learning into packets?
8. I am getting questions regarding attendance hours. This is mainly from WIOA schools, but the September hourly report by program areas will for sure be lower for everyone. Any suggestions?

We realize this will be an issue for all WIOA agencies and will be taken into account for funding in 2021-22.