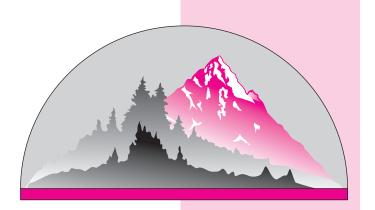


Colorado Alternate Assessment

2012 SCHOOL AND DISTRICT ASSESSMENT COORDINATORS' MANUAL



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Partners in Your Assessment Program

A Message from Your CoAlt Scoring Process Team at CTB

Because your time is valuable and we want to provide outstanding service to the State of Colorado, we at CTB/McGraw-Hill strive to make the scoring process as fast and efficient as possible.

As part of this effort, we have designed this manual to help you organize and assemble the CoAlt test materials that will be returned to us for scoring. We have described the steps that you should follow to collect, check, and prepare materials for shipment. Your careful attention to each of these steps will help to ensure a successful testing program for students, teachers, parents, and schools.

If you need additional information, please call us and we will help in any way we can.



Introduction

The purpose of this manual is to provide instructions to the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) and School Assessment Coordinator (SAC) for securing and distributing CoAlt test materials prior to test administration, collecting and organizing materials after testing is complete, and preparing materials for return to CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB) for scoring.

To ensure that all students have an opportunity to earn a valid score on the CoAlt, the assessments must be administered as directed and secured before and after each test session.

Each District Assessment Coordinator must implement a plan to ensure the secure management of test materials both at the district office and at all school sites in the district. (Please refer to the 2011-2012 CDE **Procedures Manual** for further support in planning.)

Strict adherence to the chain of custody for assessment materials may prevent invalidations due to a person or persons gaining access to a test item or items and referencing and/or reproducing materials for any reason.

Test materials may not be reproduced or redistributed in any way. Unauthorized reproduction of test materials includes, but is not limited to, discussing, memorizing, photocopying, photographing, scanning, encoding, e-mailing, Morse code, note taking, text messaging, blogging and other forms of social networking, or any other reproduction methodology that would violate the security of the test.

Training for District Assessment Coordinators conducted by the Unit of Student Assessment will provide additional information and other documentation processes.

Please read these directions carefully before distributing any materials.

Essential Steps For Student Success on CoAlt

Please take the time to read this manual. It is organized in sections:

- The **District Assessment Coordinator's** responsibilities for distributing materials (Step 1)
- The School Assessment Coordinator's responsibilities for receiving, distributing, collecting, and checking test materials; completing documents; and packing materials for shipment (Steps 1 through 7)
- The **District Assessment Coordinator's** responsibilities for checking the boxes and preparing for pickup (Step 8)

District and School Assessment Coordinators should read all sections so that each understands the detailed processes and the roles of others involved.

Remember, if you need help, call the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557. Customer Service hours are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MT. After hours and during the holidays, you may e-mail the Help Desk at coalthelpdesk@ctb.com.

Thank you.

Step

Review Your Test Materials

Instructions for the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC)

- The District Assessment Coordinator (DAC) will be responsible for:
 - ✓ receiving test materials from CTB
 - ✓ checking the shipment and confirming that all materials have been received in adequate quantities
 - ✓ organizing test materials for each school district
 - ✓ training School Assessment Coordinators
 - ✓ delivering test materials to schools one week or less before the testing period
 - ✓ determining responsibility for reviewing rosters of precoded student information
 - ✓ determining and assigning responsibility for completing state student ID numbers as well as special program, special education, and accommodation information
 - ✓ consolidating test materials after test administration
 - ✓ assembling test materials for shipment
 - ✓ ensuring that boxes are packaged correctly for shipping to CTB
 - ✓ maintaining test security
- The District Assessment Coordinator's Kit includes the following materials:
 - ✓ district cover letter with general directions
 - ✓ Packaging and Transportation Checklist
 - ✓ short/add order form instructions
 - ✓ one set of orange TO BE SCORED return shipping labels
 - ✓ one set of yellow NOT TO BE SCORED return shipping labels
 - ✓ one set of blank student bar code labels to be used in the event an incorrect label is affixed to a Rating Form (Please follow the guidelines in the "Exceptions" section on page 3 of this manual.)
- If you discover any shortages or incorrect shipments, promptly complete and submit the online short/add order form (located at www.ctb.com/coalt). Contact the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557 for assistance, if needed.
- If you discover any test materials containing printing errors, contact the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557 for assistance.
- Save the sturdy green boxes in which materials were shipped so that you can use them to return test materials after administration. Only the green boxes provided by CTB can be used for shipping the test materials. If you do not have enough green boxes, please submit an online short/add order form (located at

www.ctb.com/coalt). If you need assistance, please contact the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557.

• If, after reading these instructions and the enclosed information, you have any questions about the materials or the instructions for organizing the materials and returning them to CTB, please call the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557.

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator (SAC)

- The School Assessment Coordinator (SAC) will be responsible for:
 - ✓ training Test Examiners
 - ✓ receiving test materials from the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC)
 - ✓ checking the shipment and confirming that all materials have been received in adequate quantities
 - ✓ distributing test materials to CoAlt Test Examiners
 - ✓ ensuring that Test Examiners review the *CoAlt Examiner's Manual* prior to administering the test
 - ✓ ensuring that testing procedures in the *CoAlt Examiner's Manual* and the Procedures Manual on the CDE website are followed
 - ✓ emphasizing to Test Examiners that only standard, wooden, graphite-based No. 2 pencils are used in marking Rating Forms. Mechanical pencils and pens must **not** be used on any part of the test materials.
 - ✓ ensuring that precoded student information is accurate, and making corrections as necessary
 - ✓ ensuring that the student data grid is completed accurately (if applicable)
 - ✓ ensuring that bubble fields on the outside back cover of Rating Forms are completed accurately
 - ✓ collecting and checking test materials after test administration
 - ✓ completing and checking the Group Information Sheets (GISs)
 - ✓ completing and checking the School/Group List (SGL)
 - ✓ packing test materials and transporting them to the DAC
 - ✓ maintaining test security
- The School Assessment Coordinator's Kit includes the following materials:
 - ✓ school cover letter
 - ✓ School/Group List to be completed by the SAC after test administration (Note: If additional SGLs are needed, contact your DAC.)
 - ✓ precoded, red GISs (commodity code #2702798), to be completed by the SAC
 - ✓ bar code labels and student roster

- If you discover any shortages or incorrect shipments, promptly contact your DAC. The DAC will contact CTB.
- Save the sturdy green boxes in which materials were shipped so that you can use them to return test materials after administration. Only the green boxes provided by CTB can be used for shipping the test materials. If you do not have enough green boxes, please contact your DAC.
- If you have any questions about the materials or the instructions for organizing and returning the materials after reading this manual, contact your DAC.
- Test materials must be kept secure at all times.

Handling of Precoded Student Labels

CTB will provide SACs with one biographical label and two bar code labels for each student. These labels are precoded by CTB, using student data provided by districts. A roster of students, including that data, is made available with the precoded labels. For each student, check the biographical label and the roster of students to ensure that information is accurate. Only CoAlt labels can be used for CoAlt. Do not use labels from TCAP or CELA for CoAlt

Affix the bar code label to the designated area on the front cover of the Rating Form if the following information is accurate: STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE, BIRTH DATE, STATE STUDENT ID NUMBER (SASID), GENDER, ETHNICITY, and RACE. (See page 5 for the correct placement of the bar code label.) If any of the preceding information is inaccurate, do not use the bar code label. Instead, fill in all sections of the student data grid on the back cover of the Rating Form.

If STUDENT'S NAME, GRADE, BIRTH DATE, STATE STUDENT ID NUMBER (SASID), GENDER, ETHNICITY, and RACE are correct, but any other student information provided with the label needs to be changed, you should affix the label to the Rating Form. Then, complete only those items on the student data grid that need to be changed.

Exceptions

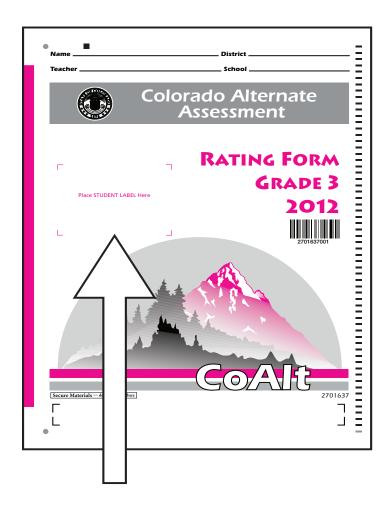
If a bar code label is placed on a Rating Form and subsequently it is determined that the label is inaccurate, place a blank label over the inaccurate label, and then affix the correct bar code label **over** the blank label (i.e., an inaccurate bar code label, covered by a blank label, covered by the correct bar code label).

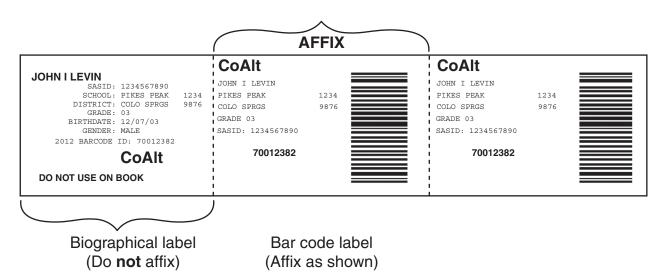
If no correct bar code labels are available, place **two blank labels** over the existing bar code label and bubble all the biographical information on the student data grid. Blank labels are sent specifically for this use.

If there is no bar code label for a student, bubble all the biographical information on the student document and leave the bar code area blank. It is important that nothing be written in that area—no teacher name, no school name, etc.

If the student moves to a different school/district from the school/district listed on the bar code label and the new school would like to use the student bar code label, use the student bar code label even if the school/district information is incorrect. The new school/district information will be obtained from the Group Information Sheet.

Cover of Rating Form (Bar Code Label Positioning)





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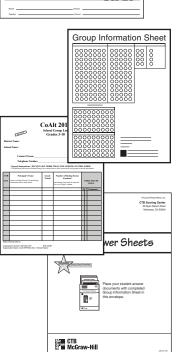
Distribute Test Materials

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

Distribute the test materials to the Test Examiners as soon as possible. The CoAlt Examiner's Manual, Group Information Sheets, and Answer Document Return Envelopes may also be delivered to the Test Examiners as soon as possible to allow them time to become familiar with the procedures. Reminder: All test materials must be kept secure at all times.

Please instruct the Test Examiners to review the CoAlt Examiner's Manual prior to administering the test.





When you distribute these...

do this:

Rating Forms, test books, Test Protocols, and ancillary materials Distribute test materials in appropriate numbers to each class.

Group Information Sheets (GISs)—scannable documents that are submitted with each set of Rating Forms to be scored and reported as a single group (one for each grade, per school)

Do not photocopy the GIS. It does not scan if copied. If you need additional GISs and/or envelopes, contact your DAC. The DAC will contact CTB.

Answer Document Return Envelopes—used with the GIS and the SGL to group Rating Forms for scoring

Be sure the precoded GISs and Answer Document Return Envelopes are appropriate for your school.

Ensure that you have one GIS and envelope(s) for each grade to be scored.

School/Group List (SGL) document used to confirm the grouping information provided on the individual GISs.

Do not photocopy the SGL. If you need additional SGLs, contact your DAC.

Complete the SGL. You should have one line filled out on the SGL for every GIS included (see Step 6).

For information on administering the tests, please refer to the *CoAlt Examiner's Manual*.



Data Field

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

Collect Materials

Immediately after testing is complete, collect the test materials from each Test Examiner. Make sure that a Rating Form has been turned in for every student required to take the CoAlt.

Check the Student Data Grid

For all Rating Forms, the ACCOMMODATIONS and TEST INVALIDATION fields on the student data grid must be completed by filling in the appropriate bubble for each field by hand. The remainder of the student data grid on the back of the Rating Form should be completed **only** if you are **not** using a preprinted student ID bar code label or if it is necessary to make changes to information that was precoded in the student ID bar code label.

Reminder: Do not use the student bar code label if any of the following information on the label is incorrect: STUDENT'S NAME, BIRTH DATE, STATE STUDENT ID NUMBER (SASID), GENDER, ETHNICITY, or RACE. Instead, fill in all sections of the student data grid on the back cover of the Rating Form.

If some of the other information in the student ID file is not correct, you may use the bar code label and fill in **only** the information that needs to be corrected. Data entered on the student data grid will override the data in the student ID bar code label file, with the exception of STUDENT'S NAME, BIRTH DATE, STATE STUDENT ID NUMBER (SASID), GENDER, ETHNICITY, and RACE.

Do not bubble the STATE USE data field unless otherwise instructed by CDE.

Information

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1 STUDENT'S NAME (Print the student's name in the spaces above the bubble grid. In each column fill in the appropriate bubble to indicathe letter or blank space that appears a the top of that column.)	entire name, print as much of the name as possible.)
2 BIRTH DATE (Fill in the appropriate bubbles; if the day is a single digit, fill in the zero bubble for the first digit.)	Month, Day, Year
3 ETHNICITY (Fill in one bubble only.)	4 = Hispanic/Latino 0 = Not Hispanic/Latino

Data Field

Information

4 RACE (Mark all that apply.)		1 = American Indian/Alaska Native 2 = Asian 3 = Black/African American 5 = White 6 = Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
5 GENDER		Female or Male
6 STATE STUDENT I (SASID # is required.)		Print the State Student ID Number in the spaces above the bubble grid. Fill in one bubble per column to code the State Student ID Number (SASID). Each digit of a student's number should correspond with a filled-in bubble beneath it.
7 PRIMARY DISABII (Fill in one bubble on		00 = None 01 = Limited intellectual capacity 03 = Emotional disability 04 = Specific learning disability 05 = Hearing disability 06 = Visual disability 07 = Physical disability 08 = Speech/language disability 09 = Deaf-blind 10 = Multiple disabilities 13 = Autism 14 = Traumatic brain injury
8 LANGUAGE BACK (Fill in one bubble on		0 = English 1 = Spanish 2 = Other
9 LANGUAGE PROF (Fill in one bubble on		0 = Not applicable 1 = NEP 2 = LEP 3 = FEP
10 ELL PROGRAM (Fill in one bubble in and ESL.)	each row, Bilingual	No = 0 Yes = 1 Exited M1 = 2 Exited M2 = 3 Exited E3+ = 4 Choice = 5

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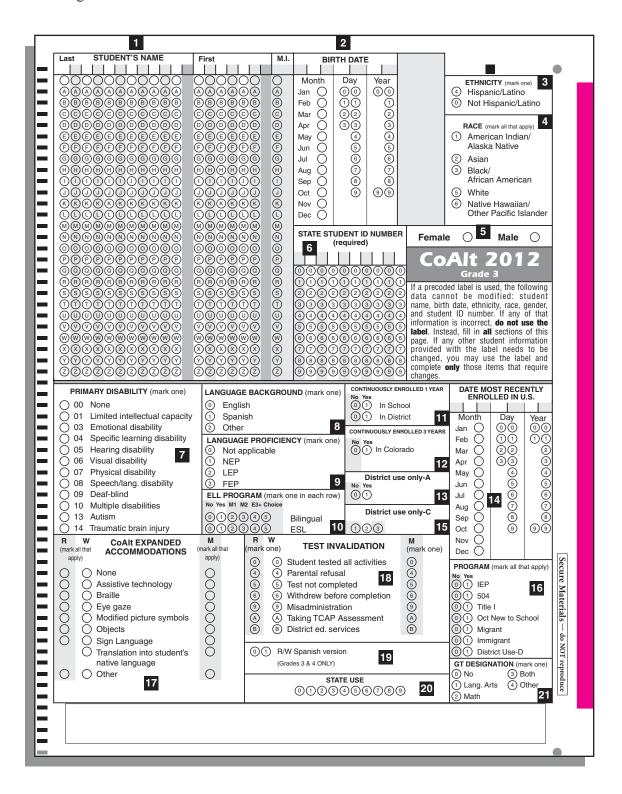
11	CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED 1 YEAR (Fill in one bubble in each row.) (Note: All grades, PK–12, count for continuously enrolled 1 year.)	No Yes 0 1 In School 0 1 In District	
12	CONTINUOUSLY ENROLLED 3 YEARS (Fill in one bubble only.) (Note: Attending kindergarten does not count as an enrolled year.)	No Yes 0 1 In Colorado	
13	District use only—A	No 0 Yes 1 (Expelled Student)	
14	Date Most Recently Enrolled in U.S. (Fill in the appropriate bubbles; if the day is a single digit, fill in the zero bubble for the first digit.)	Month, Day, Year	
15	District use only—C (Fill in one bubble only.)	1 = Free lunch eligible 2 = Reduced lunch eligible 3 = Not eligible	
16	PROGRAM (Fill in all bubbles that apply.)	No Yes 0 1 IEP 0 1 504 0 1 Title I 0 1 October New to School 0 1 Migrant 0 1 Immigrant 0 1 District Use—D (Homeless)	

Data Field	Information
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CoAlt EXPANDED ACCOMMODATIONS (Fill in all bubbles that apply.) (Separate columns are provided for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science accommodations.) (Fill in as many bubbles as necessary to account for all accommodations used for each content area.)	None Assistive technology Braille Eye gaze Modified picture symbols Objects Sign Language Translation into student's native language Other
(Separate columns are provided for Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science invalidations.) (Fill in one bubble only in each column.)	0 = Student tested all activities 4 = Parental refusal 5 = Test not completed 6 = Withdrew before completion 9 = Misadministration A = Taking TCAP Assessment B = District ed. services
R/W Spanish version (Grades 3 & 4 only)	0 = No 1 = Yes
20 STATE USE	Leave blank unless otherwise instructed by CDE.
GT DESIGNATION (Fill in one bubble only.)	0 = No, Not Gifted 1 = Language Arts Gifted 2 = Mathematics Gifted 3 = Both Language Arts & Mathematics Gifted 4 = Other Gifted (i.e., leadership, creativity, spatial, visual, performing or musical arts)

Student Data Grid

A sample of the student data grid is shown below. Further details can be found on pages 7 through 10.



Step



Check Rating Forms

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

Physical Condition

All used Rating Forms should be inspected for damage or other conditions that may interfere with the electronic scoring process. Damaged Rating Forms cannot be machine-scanned, and those students will not receive scores. Please check documents that are to be machine-scored for the following:

If you find this...

do this:

- scratch paper
- tape of any kind
- Post-it® notes
- staples
- pins
- · paperclips

Remove them.



- bent corners
- folds in documents
- creases in documents
- paper damaged by erasures
- ripped or torn sheets

Copy all student responses in the damaged Rating Form onto a clean, unused document. Fill in all response bubbles completely with solid and dark marks.

Use a standard, wooden, graphite-based No. 2 pencil.

Use a soft eraser.

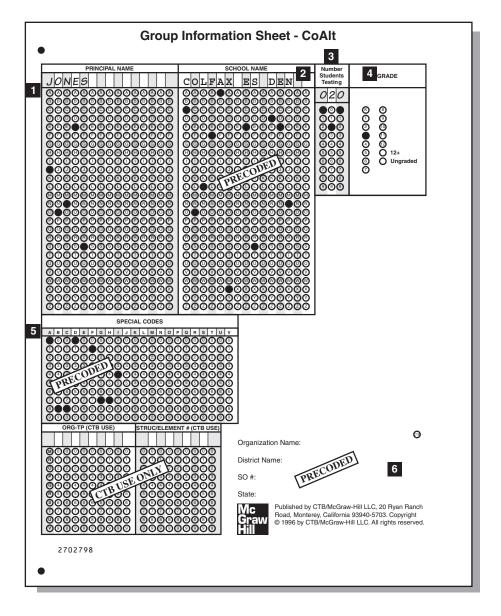


Complete and Check Group Information Sheets

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

The Group Information Sheet (GIS) provides data that will appear on your reports. To ensure that all scores for a group of students will be reported together, it is essential that a complete and accurate GIS be placed on top of each stack of completed Rating Forms. One GIS is to be used for each grade. While some information on the GIS will be precoded, other information must be entered manually by the Test Examiner. (See page 14 for guidelines.) All information, manually entered and precoded, should be carefully reviewed for accuracy.

Important: If you did not receive a precoded GIS, please contact your District Assessment Coordinator (DAC).





After a Group Information Sheet has been checked for accuracy, place it on top of the corresponding scannable Rating Form(s). Then place the stack in an Answer Document Return Envelope. DO NOT MIX GRADES.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT seal the envelope. Return materials to the district. The DAC will verify contents and consolidate materials.

REMINDER: Package all NOT TO BE SCORED materials in separate boxes. All CoAlt materials must be returned to CTB, including all used and unused test books, all materials used for transcribing the test books, Test Protocols for each content area, CoAlt Examiner's Manuals, CDs, and unused Rating Forms. Please put all NOT TO BE SCORED materials in separate boxes.

When you check this	look for this:		
1 PRINCIPAL NAME	The principal's last name must be printed in the boxes on the GIS form, and then the first name or initial, if needed. Under each box, the bubble with the same letter must be filled in.		
2 SCHOOL NAME	The school name is precoded.		
3 NUMBER STUDENTS TESTING	The number of students whose Rating Forms are grouped with this GIS must be printed in the boxes, and the corresponding bubbles must be filled in.		
4 GRADE (Mark one.)	Fill in the appropriate grade level. Use one GIS per grade.		
5 SPECIAL CODES	Special codes are precoded with the district and school identification numbers.		
6 ORGANIZATION NAME, DISTRICT NAME, SO#, STATE	The organization name, district name, SO#, and state are precoded.		



Complete the School/Group List

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

CTB uses the School/Group List (SGL) to double-check that all your Rating Forms have been received. Every GIS completed must have an entry on the appropriate SGL. To complete the SGL, refer to the instructions on page 16. Once the SGL is completed, it is recommended that a photocopy be made for your records.

IMPORTANT: Each school must complete only one SGL.

Precoded SGLs have been provided for each school. The following information has been precoded on all SGLs:

- District Name and Number
- · School Name and Number

IMPORTANT: If you did not receive a precoded SGL, contact your DAC.

(F	RECODED	School	lt 2012 Group List des 3-10		
1 District Name : 2 School Name :			Distr 3 Scho	ict # :	PRECODE
	Contact Person Telephone Number General Instructions: DO NOT I CTB/McGraw-Hill uses the School/Group	LIST MORE	THAN ONE SCHOOL ON 7		
CTB USE	5 Principal's Name Name on School/Group List and Group Information Sheet must match	Grade Tested	Number of Rating Forms Enclosed One Rating Form must be returned for every eligible student	FO	OR CTB USE ONLY
				QC	Comments
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When you check this	look for/do this:		
1 DISTRICT NAME	The district name is precoded.		
2 SCHOOL NAME	The school name is precoded.		
3 DISTRICT NUMBER SCHOOL NUMBER	The district and school numbers are precoded.		
4 CONTACT PERSON TELEPHONE NUMBER	Write the name and telephone number of the individual at the school or district who should be contacted in the event that CTB/McGraw-Hill has questions concerning the materials returned for processing.		
5 PRINCIPAL'S NAME GRADE TESTED NUMBER OF RATING FORMS ENCLOSED	List the principal's name and write each grade tested, which should match the corresponding GIS(s). Write the number of Rating Forms enclosed for each grade. Be sure that this number is the count of students whose Rating Forms are being sent for processing. This number should match the number on the corresponding GIS(s). A Rating Form must be turned in for every student required to take the CoAlt.		
6 FOR CTB USE ONLY	Do not write in this area.		



Package Test Materials

Instructions for the School Assessment Coordinator

Before returning the test materials to the District Assessment Coordinator (DAC), the School Assessment Coordinator should sort and package the materials following the directions below. Failure to properly follow these directions may cause a delay in processing the Rating Forms.

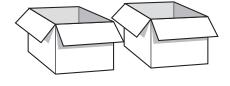
Place the Group Information Sheet and the Rating Forms into the Answer Document Return Envelope(s) provided. When more than one envelope is needed for a particular grade, number them "1 of 3," "2 of 3," etc. Clearly mark the outside of each envelope with the school name and number.

2 Prepare green shipping boxes.

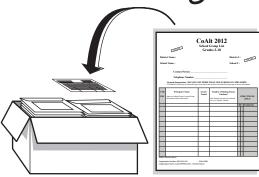
Prior to packing test materials, securely tape the bottom of each box to prevent breakage. Reinforce all bottom seams, following an "H" pattern.

Place all envelopes in the green shipping boxes. The green boxes in which test materials were delivered to you must be used for return shipping. Ensure that the original shipping labels and other markings have been removed or covered.

- Collect all NOT TO BE SCORED or unscorable materials for separate packaging (see page 18, Number 4).
- For TO BE SCORED materials: If you do not have enough green boxes, give priority to the TO BE SCORED materials. Then contact your DAC to obtain additional boxes.
- For NOT TO BE SCORED materials only: If availability of green boxes can result in a delay in the return of materials, use corrugated cardboard boxes that are sturdy and dry.



Place the School/Group List in Box 1.



• Place the School/Group List (SGL) on top of the envelopes. If there are multiple boxes for your school, place all SGLs on top of the envelopes in Box 1.

4 Package all secure NOT TO BE SCORED materials in separate boxes.

All unused CoAlt test materials from inside the "pizza box" should be returned to CTB as NOT TO BE SCORED.

If a "pizza box" has not been opened and the box is still sealed with the plastic shrink-wrapping around it, you may return the box and the contents intact. It is not necessary to remove the shrink-wrap. If the "pizza box" has been opened, do not return the actual "pizza box" to CTB. Schools and districts need to dispose of "pizza boxes" at the local level or on-site.

All CoAlt materials must be returned to CTB, including all used and unused test books, all materials used for transcribing the test books, Test Protocols for each content area, CoAlt Examiner's Manuals, CDs, and unused Rating Forms. DO NOT mix these materials with envelopes containing materials that are TO BE SCORED. Used wooden math manipulatives (blocks) and dice do not need to be returned to CTB.

Test materials packed in a box with a NOT TO BE SCORED label will not be scored.

5 Do not seal boxes. Return unsealed boxes to the DAC, who will check the contents before forwarding them to CTB for scoring.



Package and Ship Test Materials

Instructions for the District Assessment Coordinator

(See Number 2 on page 17 if the boxes you receive are not sturdy enough for shipping.)

Obtain all test material boxes from the schools within your district.

Check contents of each box for accuracy and keep an accurate account of the school contents within each box.



NOTE: Due to the high probability that the volume of scorable documents from schools will be quite small, it is an acceptable practice for CoAlt to combine multiple school documents (no more than 20 schools) within a single box for return to CTB. If this option is more desirable, please follow these steps for packaging materials:

- Ensure there are no grades mixed together within any single envelope.
- Keep all envelopes together by school and place the SGL on top of the stack of envelopes. If there are multiple boxes for your schools, place all SGLs on top of the envelopes in Box 1.
- Before sealing the green boxes for return, keep an accurate account of the school contents in each box.

Add packing material to box(es).

If any green box is not completely filled, add only crumpled paper to avoid damage caused by shifting during shipment.

- Add enough crumpled paper to hold the documents securely in place during transit.
- Do not use foam "popcorn" or "peanuts."

Separate the TO BE SCORED (scorable) boxes from the NOT TO BE SCORED (unscorable) boxes.

All CoAlt materials must be returned to CTB, including all used and unused test books, all materials used for transcribing the test books, Test Protocols for each content area, CoAlt Examiner's Manuals, CDs, and unused Rating Forms.

4 Affix shipping labels to boxes.

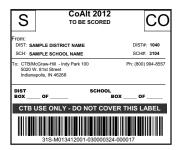
Each return shipping label must be placed on the side of each box in the location that is specified on the box.

To help simplify the return shipping process, preprinted school names have been added to both the TO BE SCORED and the NOT TO BE SCORED labels. For either type of label, fill in the district box count as well as the school box count in the appropriate spaces.

If you will be combining multiple school documents within a single box, please follow all directions in Step 8, Number 1. Beginning with the designated label placement area on the side of the box, place one label (either TO BE SCORED or NOT TO BE SCORED) for each school on the sides of the box. You may use all four sides of the box. Please do not place more than four labels on the short sides and no more than six labels on the long sides. Make sure the labels are easily readable and that the bar code sections on the labels are not covered. Please do not affix labels to the tops or bottoms of the boxes.

Your District Assessment Coordinator's Kit contains **orange** shipping labels to be used for returning your school's boxes of used TO BE SCORED Rating Forms.

- Affix the orange TO BE SCORED shipping label to the outside of each box in the location specified on the box.
- Mark each orange TO BE SCORED shipping label with your total district count. The shipping label has a space for this information.



Orange Label



Yellow Label

Your District Assessment Coordinator's Kit contains yellow NOT TO BE SCORED shipping labels.

- Affix the yellow NOT TO BE SCORED shipping labels to boxes containing used and unused test books, all materials used for transcribing the test books, Test Protocols for each content area, CoAlt Examiner's Manuals, CDs, and unused Rating Forms.
- Affix the label to the outside of the box in the location specified on the box.
- Mark each yellow NOT TO BE SCORED shipping label with your total district count.

Important Reminder: None of the materials packed with a NOT TO BE SCORED label will be scored.

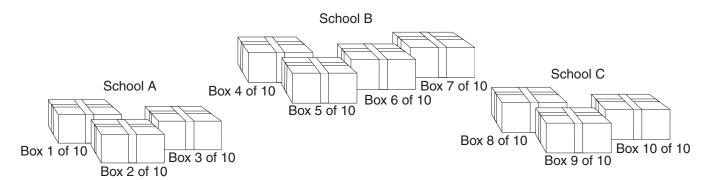
DO NOT photocopy these labels. DO NOT reuse the labels.

The **return shipping label(s) on each box** should be clearly visible.

Note: To ensure the safe return of scorable materials and the timely delivery of test results, it is absolutely essential that all boxes be packed, labeled, and secured as described above. Check to make sure that all boxes are tightly packed and securely sealed. Add crumpled paper to any boxes that are not completely filled. Reinforce all seams with packing tape before shipment, following an "H" pattern.

Mark the boxes.

Mark each box with a unique number such as "1 of 3," "2 of 3," etc. If you have separate scheduled shipments, follow this same unique box sequence each time.



The diagram above shows the packaging for a district with three schools. The district's shipping labels should be numbered in sequence to show **both** the box numbers from each school and the box numbers from the district. (Refer to sample labels on pages 20 and 21.)

NOTE: If you have a large number of boxes, they must be placed on pallets. Please place the TO BE SCORED boxes and the NOT TO BE SCORED boxes on separate pallets. The pictures below show how to correctly place the boxes on pallets.





Boxes properly palletized





6 For transportation procedures, please refer to the Packaging and Transportation Checklist included in your District Assessment Coordinator's Kit.

Hold the box(es) for pickup by the CTB/McGraw-Hill shipping contractor. If the boxes have to be stored before they are shipped, keep them in a safe, dry place. Wet or damp documents will wrinkle and curl and cannot be scored. Please keep materials secure.

If you require assistance in scheduling your materials for pickup, please contact the CoAlt Help Desk at 1-800-994-8557.

