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American Institutes for Research (AIR) is responsible through its contract with the Ohio Department of Education for assisting schools and districts with arranging foreign language accommodations of the Ohio Achievement Tests, which will be administered in May 2007. AIR is working with Pearson Educational Measurement (PEM) to gather information related to these accommodations.

As a District Test Coordinator (DTC), you are responsible for entering enrollment information for the schools in your district into PEM's SchoolHouse system. Among the information you will need to enter into SchoolHouse are the number of eligible LEP students in each school who require that their achievement tests be administered in another language.

Eligible LEP students are those students identified as LEP and have been in US schools less than 3 years. (Complete eligibility criteria are in the ODE Office of Assessment Rules Book, Appendix H—online at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>, search keywords “rules book.”)

There are four types of additional accommodations available to eligible grades 3–8 LEP students.

1. Spanish/English (Bilingual) test booklet: Test booklet is printed in Spanish on the right-hand side and English on the left-hand side of the page. Test booklet should be used with students who read their materials in Spanish.
2. Foreign Language CD: The CD provides an oral reading of the allowable portions of the tests in five languages: Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Somali, and Spanish.
3. Oral Translation: This accommodation should be used with LEP students who speak a language other than the five languages for which CD recordings are available (item two above). For this accommodation, an interpreter will go to the school and provide an oral translation of the test into the student's native language and translate student responses if needed.
4. English Audio CD: This CD provides an English read-aloud of the allowable portions of the test.

In order for AIR to assist schools and districts in locating and arranging for Oral Translation accommodations, it will be necessary to collect some information about each student who will require a translation. The attached form is the method by which you should collect this information and transmit it to AIR. Please distribute a copy of the attached form to the School Test Coordinator (STC) in each school in your district. Instruct each STC to complete the school information at the top of the form and fill out one student block for each child in their school who will need a test translated into a language for which a CD version (second accommodation above) is not available. It is acceptable to make copies of the form if more than one page is necessary in order to list all of the students within a school who will require an oral translation.

Oral translations will be provided for languages other than Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Somali, and Spanish. Instruct each STC to return the form to you by hand delivery or mail. The completed forms may NOT be emailed or faxed because they contain personal information about the students who require a translation.

When you have received all the completed forms from the STCs, please photocopy all of your district's forms and retain those copies for your records. You may then tally and enter your district's data into the SchoolHouse system's enrollment and optional services screens online at www.ncsschoolhouse.com.

Please mail the original forms to Julia Chesla by March 2 at the AIR address listed below. AIR will contact the schools directly to assist them in locating the requested translators in your area.

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