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FEDERAL PROGRAMS

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Golden Horseshoe Notes

2021 - 2022

Please find below a review of important information for the Golden Horseshoe Exams.

1. Be sure that the 8th grade WV History class roster is correctly entered into WVEIS. The state will be periodically pulling the class roster. No paper copies of class rosters should be sent to Jennifer Gill. All rosters need to be electronic.
2. All 8th grade students should be afforded the opportunity to take the Golden Horseshoe test, however, taking the Golden Horseshoe test is optional. Students should not be forced to take the test nor should they be denied from taking the test.
3. The WV History teacher **cannot administer** the Golden Horseshoe **online test on February 23, 2022**. Therefore, you will need to assign another test proxy. This could be a counselor, another content area teacher, etc. Please remember the test proxy will need to be trained in the administration of the Golden Horseshoe online test. Please do not wait until the day of the test to train the test proxy. **The WV History teacher may administer the essay portion of the test on February 8, 2022.**
4. There is a confidentiality agreement for each test. The confidentiality agreement must be completed by each test administrator (for the essay and the online test) and these need to be **sent to Mary Ann Freeman no later than February 1, 2022. Remember the essay test is on February 8, 2022.** If the teacher is absent and a substitute is required on the day of the test, the substitute must complete a confidentiality agreement.
5. The WVEIS identification number is both the username and password. This identification number will allow the student access to the practice test and to the actual online test.
6. Please make sure the **student information** is correctly entered into WVEIS. The state will use this information to send packets to the winners. **June 14, 2022** is the **Golden Horseshoe Ceremony** in Charleston. I will also be recognizing the winners during one of our county board meetings. I will send information on that on a later date.
7. It is the responsibility of the parents of home-schooled students to contact the school if they wish to have their child participate. Principals will need to email an electronic spreadsheet to Jennifer Gill (Jennifer.I.gill@k12.wv.us) with the information on the home-schooled student because you will not have that information in WVEIS due to the fact these students are not enrolled in your school. Do not put homeschooled student into WVEIS. Once a home-schooled student declares interest in the test, the principal will inform the parent of the dates of the tests and will make accommodations for the student to come to school to take the test. The home-schooled student must take the online test and the essay test on the assigned dates at your school.

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8. Private schools must email Jennifer Gill student information electronically on a spreadsheet. It is my understanding that Jennifer will send usernames and passwords to you. So don't delay in getting your student information to Jennifer so that your students may begin studying/practicing for the test.
9. Please be reminded that if you have students who have an IEP or a LEP with accommodations listed, you must honor those accommodations. If you have students who need **large print or braille**, please let Mary Ann Freeman know on or before **January 5, 2022**.
10. If your contact information should change please let me know immediately so that you and your school will not miss out on important information.
11. If you should have any technology difficulties on the day of the online test, please contact Bob Hollandsworth immediately. If the problem is not resolved I need to know immediately to let the state know. The state is the only one who can reschedule the online test. Chances are the next day back to school the test will be given. If there should be a snow day the state is the only one to reschedule the online test.
12. If we should have a snow day on the day of the essay then the essay will be given the next day back to school. If you have a 2 hour delay, the essay test will still be administered. The essay is used for the tie breaker. **The essay can only be one page in length. The essay is disqualified if it is more than one page.**
13. There are no makeup days for either test. Please let your students be aware of this.
14. Absentee rosters need to be used for those students who are absent on the day of each test. The absentee roster needs to be submitted to the Mary Ann Freeman.
15. Don't send confidentiality agreements, essays, or absentee rosters by way of van. They can either be dropped off or mailed to my attention or be emailed directly to Mary Ann Freeman. I should have essays and the essay absentee roster no later than **February 9, 2022** so that I can mail them to WVDE.
16. For further information on the Golden Horseshoe, please go to the WVDE website <https://wvde.us/middle-secondary-learning/social-studies/student-programs/>
17. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact me mafreema@k12.wv.us or George Sumner gsumner@k12.wv.us.

Remember to check your WV History WVEIS roster for accuracy.

Thank you and Good Luck!

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