

Agenda for RILS Session: Spring 2021 Summative Assessments

Tuesday, September 1, 3:30-5:00pm ET

[Zoom link](#)

Description of Session

This topic will focus on implications for administering statewide summative assessments in spring 2021. We will discuss technical considerations related to test design, administration, field testing, scaling, equating, standard setting, and interpretation and use of scores. The goal will be to provide states and their assessment providers with practical guidance to address a range of issues as they develop or refine their operational plans for summative assessments in 2021.

Time (in ET)	Topic
3:30-4:00pm	<p>Technical Considerations Overview Center associates will begin with an overview of spring 2021 summative assessment technical considerations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Test Design ● Administration ● Field Testing ● Scaling ● Equating ● Standard Setting ● Score Interpretation and Use <p>Center associates will include a discussion of how each of these considerations has the potential to deeply influence how we interpret and use summative assessment scores in 2021.</p>
4:00-5:00pm	<p>Panel Discussion We are delighted to announce that we will have three distinguished panelists join our discussion. They are:</p> <p>Marc Julian, Ph.D. Senior Vice President – Psychometrics Data Recognition Corporation</p> <p>Richard J. Patz, Ph.D. Distinguished Research Advisor Berkeley Evaluation and Assessment Research Center University of California Berkeley</p> <p>Ye Tong, Ph.D. Vice President Psychometric and Research Services</p>

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Each of our panelists has deep expertise and experience in measurement and applied psychometrics. The breadth and depth of their collective experience spans leadership in the research literature, in service to their profession, and in the design and implementation of numerous state assessment programs. Panelists will share experiences in which they were required to make difficult operational decisions within the realistic constraints of large-scale summative assessment programs, reflect on how those decision-making challenges relate to those we anticipate in the coming year, and share recommendations to help states plan effectively for 2021.

Center associates will facilitate the panel discussion and time will be reserved for audience questions for the panel and Center associates.