

Instructions for printing the NeSA-Writing Practice Test student responses

CAL will automatically save a file to the desktop upon login to the NeSA-Writing Practice Test. This is dependent on the computer being configured to allow any user to save files. A message will be displayed if the CAL software detects the computer isn't configured to save a file. Districts that have special network configurations (Thin Client environments, share network drives, etc.) need to be aware of where the "Desktop" environment for each student is located in the network. Depending on the specific computer lab configuration, it is possible that students share desktop environments and therefore they would see responses from multiple students in their desktop.

The file will be saved to the desktop with the following name – “username_yyyy_mo_dd_hr_min_sec.html”. CAL will capture whatever the student types into the Your Username space when logging into the NeSA-Writing Practice Test. For example, if the student typed in “John Smith,” a file will be saved to the desktop that is labeled: “John Smith_2010_02_14_13_48_54.html”.

When the file saved to the desktop is located and launched, it will display in a browser as an html file. It can be printed from the browser, or saved to another location. It can also be copied and pasted to another application like Word. Districts/schools may want to have the students also enter their name, date, teacher, etc. into the body of the response in order to associate the printed copy with the student who entered it.

Instructions for printing the NeSA-Writing Operational Online Test student responses

Access to the student responses to the NeSA-Writing Operational test prompt will be done through Management Tools. These responses will be available in the View Results link of the 2012 NeSA-Writing Operational Testing Main Page. Similar to the responses from the Practice Test, when that link is launched, it will display in a browser as an html file. It can be printed from the browser or saved to another location. It can also be copied and pasted to another application like Word.

However, ALL of the students from a school will be included in that single file - not in multiple files. Because CAL will link each response to the student who used a Test Session Ticket to take the Test, the Test response file will automatically display a header that contains each student's name, State ID #, school, and time of day the test was submitted. Also included in the header for each student response is a list of the scoring rubric categories to assist in any scoring that districts may choose to do locally.

This file is updated every time a student submits a response. After each test session schools will see a cumulative list of all students in that school who responded. It is sorted alphabetically by last name. If schools only wish to print a student or set of students, they can select just those pages for printing.