



## **OFFICE OF COUNTY MAYOR GLENN JACOBS**

Procurement Division, 1000 N. Central Street, Suite 100, Knoxville, TN 37917

### **Knox County Procurement Division Addendum II to Request for Proposals No. 3391 K-12 Standards-Aligned Benchmark Assessment**

**Addendum Date: April 10, 2023**

**Buyer: Rachel Cabrera**

**Closing Date: April 19, 2023**

**The following is for clarification:**

**Question 1:** The RFP indicates that you will not use Clever as a SSO solution. Is that negotiable and if not, can you help us understand why?

**Answer 1:** This is non-negotiable for KCS. We already have a standards compliant SSO solution within Microsoft Azure that our staff and students use daily. We will not introduce additional systems for login purposes that add additional barriers to learning.

**Question 2:** Do you have any documented specifications/requirements for your ideal SAML SSO integration?

**Answer 2:**

- KCS utilizes Microsoft Azure Active Directory (AAD) for Single Sign on. The system is SAML 2.0 standards compliant.
- An ideal SSO integration will leverage our AAD IdP for a seamless sign-on experience if the student is already authenticated to AAD. Roster information from OneRoster, combined with AAD authentication provides a great experience for our staff and learners.
- Additional information about the Microsoft Identity Platform and supported standards can be found at the link below:
- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/develop/active-directory-saml-protocol-reference>

**Question 3:** What does an EOC assessment need to look like?

**Answer 3:** The EOC assessments need to mirror the Tennessee State expectations for statewide standardized assessments. Each subject-area test is divided into multiple subparts and will be administered during one testing window at the end of the course.

- English I and English II (4 subparts) assess the Tennessee Academic Standards through literary and informational texts requiring students to demonstrate the ability to read closely, analyze text, answer text-dependent questions, provide a written response to a prompt, and demonstrate command of the English language.
- Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II and Integrated Math III (3 subparts) will consist of both calculator permitted and calculator prohibited subparts. Each assesses the Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics, fluency, problem solving, and an understanding of the grade-level horizontal coherence embedded within the standards. The mathematics test will focus approximately 60 percent of the assessment items on major work of the grade and approximately 40 percent of the



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items on supporting work.

- Biology will assess current Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep understanding of scientific inquiry, engineering and technology as related to the scientific concepts in the course.
- U.S. History and Geography (2 subparts) will consist of multiple choice and multiple select items. Students will be assessed on the current Tennessee Academic Standards and be required to demonstrate a deep understanding of civics, economics, geography, and Tennessee connections within the context of U.S. History.

**Question 4:** Our assessments are not specifically designed to be predictive of state summative assessments. Is this a deal breaker?

**Answer 4:** The goal is to have predictive assessments that mirror state summative assessments to inform instruction and increase levels of growth and achievement.

End of Addendum II

**Note:** Addendum must be acknowledged in Section V under Tab I of the response.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachel Cabrera".

Rachel Cabrera  
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