

CSET/CTEL EXAMS & NCLB Compliance

Frequently Asked Questions

Halimah Mekki, CTA Executive Director, contacted Mary Willis, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, on behalf of members seeking answers to NCLB compliance questions related to the CSET and CTEL exams.

QUESTIONS:

1. Since the results of these tests will not be back before the end of the school year, are teachers' positions in jeopardy?
2. By signing up and taking the tests, are those steps enough to demonstrate progress towards becoming NCLB compliant?

ANSWERS:

CSET

- If a teacher needs to pass CSET for the purpose of NCLB compliance and not for credential renewal, they need to pass the CSET to be NCLB compliant. They will still get paid and can still work if the District elects to keep them on. For our purposes, we won't release them this year because we want to give them enough time to try and pass the test to become compliant.
- If a teacher needs CSET for their credential, this is completely different. We can't waive that and keep them on. They won't have a credential and thus the County will not authorize the release of a paycheck.

CTEL

- CTEL is the new testing for the CLAD certification. We will allow teachers to continue to try to pass certification. There are 3 parts to this test. They need to hold an emergency CLAD while they are working to pass the test. The emergency is renewable if they have attempted and can prove that while they held the emergency, they attempted to pass the test.