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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

DTC Webinar

ODE presents the monthly DTC Webinar on Wednesday, **February 8** from 10:00-11:00 a.m. To attend, please register for the webinar using this Zoom link. This will give you the option to add the appointment to your calendar.

If you have questions you'd like answered during the webinar's Q&A session, please submit through this Smartsheet form or contact Crys Plattner, Assessment Administrative Support.

OSAS Professional Development Opportunity: ELA and Mathematics Summative Test Scoring REPEAT

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is seeking educators interested in participating in the scoring of ELA and Mathematics test items for Oregon Statewide Summative Tests.

 This training is primarily intended for individuals who would like to deepen their understanding of hand-scored items and the rubrics used to score them.

The initial training for this project will occur on March 17, 2023, in Salem, OR. Substitute and travel costs for the March 17 training day will be covered by ODE.

 As a reminder, recruited applicants will be signed on as temporary employees with ODE and Measurement Incorporated and will receive compensation at the standard ODE rate of \$28.96 per hour. Following that training day, qualified raters will then remotely score items during their own off-contract time throughout spring.

The deadline for submitting an <u>application</u> is **Thursday, February 9, 2023** and ODE will notify successful applicants by **February 13**, along with information on next steps.

For additional information, please refer to the A&A Update Newsletter posted <u>December 8, 2022</u>.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

2022-23 Alt ELPA Testing Window Opens Next Week

The window for administration of the Alternate English Language Proficiency Assessment (Alt ELPA) opens **February 1, 2023**.

The Alt ELPA is a new assessment designed for students with English learner status who also experience the most significant cognitive disabilities. Participation in the Alt ELPA is determined by the student's IEP team. The Alt ELPA administration window lasts just over 6 weeks, closing **March 24, 2023**.

For questions regarding test administration, please contact your <u>District Testing Coordinator</u> or <u>Regional ESD Partner</u>. Questions about the Alt ELPA may be directed to <u>Mason Rivers</u>, Special Education Assessment Specialist.

ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORTS

Dictation (Embedded Speech-To-Text) Accessibility Support Fixed

The dictation accessibility support, which was not functioning correctly, has been fixed. It now operates as described in the <u>Oregon Accessibility Manual</u> (OAM).

For questions related to the OAM, please contact Mason Rivers, Special Education Assessment Specialist.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff Position Audit Review Window Opens January 26

The Staff Position Collection is re-opening today, January 26, 2023 for the Audit Review Window. The Collection will remain open until **Friday, February 3, 2023**. During the Audit Review Window, all Staff Position submitters should log in to review their audits. For more information, please see the <u>Staff Position Collections</u> Page, contact your Regional ESD Partners, or Ryan Clark, Research Analyst at 971-208-0471.

Assessment Webinar Training February 23, 2023 REPEAT

The video training webinar that was previously scheduled for this Thursday, January 19 has been rescheduled to **Thursday**, **February 23 at 2 PM** on the <u>ODE District Training</u> page. This webinar will focus on management of assessment data in the Assessment Record Updating Application (ARUA) (i.e., editing posted records; reviewing and correcting errors; applying administration codes) and accessing the test records in the Accountability Warehouse Extract (AWE) and the Secure Assessment Reports 2.0 (SAR) applications. If you do not have access to the ARUA, AWE, or SAR applications, please contact your <u>district security administrator</u>.

There is also a recorded video walkthrough about the ARUA posted on the <u>Assessment Transactional System</u> page. Please contact your <u>Regional ESD Partner</u> for more information or for assistance with accessing assessment records.

2021-22 Cohort Graduation and NCES Pushout (Dropout) Data Publicly Released Today

The 2021-22 <u>Cohort Graduation</u> and <u>NCES Pushout (Dropout)</u> data were published this morning, and the embargo is no longer in effect. However, please note that the data in the public release files have been suppressed to protect student confidentiality. If you plan on sharing data directly from the Achievement Data Insight (ADI), please apply suppression to these data. If you have questions about the data or the suppression, please contact <u>Paul Skomsvold</u>, Research Analyst at (971) 208-0296.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field ELPA

QUESTION: When do ELPA Summative tests expire? I am seeing incorrect expiration dates in the TA interface.

ANSWER: ELPA Summative tests expire at the close of the ELPA Summative <u>test window</u> (April 7). Removal of the expiration deadline for 2023-24 resulted in a display error, which will be addressed in future years.