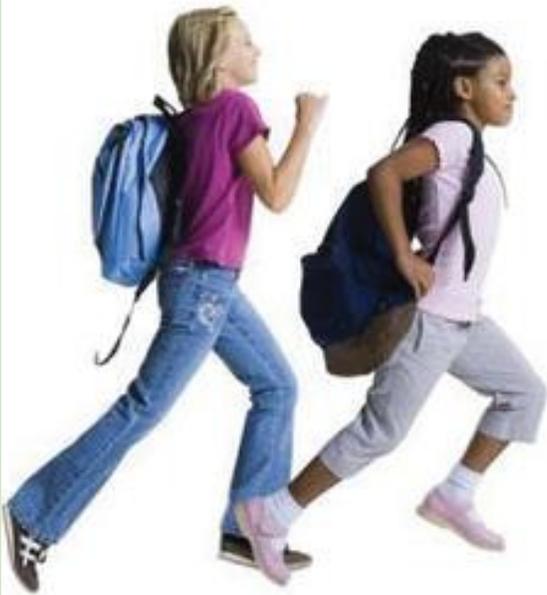




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Test Administration

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No articles this week

■ ELPA21

ELPA21 Practice Test Available Starting Monday, January 11

The online practice tests for all grade bands of ELPA21 will be available for use beginning on **Monday, January 11**, with the exception of the iPad version. The ELPA21 practice test for iPads requires an update to the operating system. ODE and AIR anticipate that practice test opening **February 2, 2016**. An update to the iOS secure browser application will also be required. The ELPA21 practice tests are best viewed with the OAKS Secure Browser, which is available to download on the [OAKS Portal](#). The practice tests can also be viewed on Chrome or Firefox, but the microphone verification and the speaking segment will include pop-up boxes for the recordings. The practice tests for ELPA21 are slightly different from the previous Oregon ELPA practice tests in that the items included are to assist with the functionality of the test itself, rather than providing an example of all the various item types that a student may encounter on the operational assessment. ELPA21 was designed around task types with varying functionality depending upon the task itself. Reviewing the ELPA21 Test Specifications and Blueprints documents which will be found [here](#) will help staff become familiar with the tasks types that students will encounter at each grade band of the ELPA21. The Test Specifications documents will be added to the web page as they are finalized. Reviewing the online practice test will help staff and students become familiar with the response styles of example tasks that will appear on the assessment.

In addition to the online practice test, ODE has created a sample Kindergarten and 1st grade paper-pencil writing section. The paper-pencil samples include the Directions For Administration (DFA) scripts and instructions for each grade, which mirror the operational paper-pencil writing sections. The sample test questions for student response mirror the operational paper-pencil writing items that the students will complete during the test window. The sample DFAs and student booklets can be found on the ELPA21 Tools and Resources page [here](#).

During 2015-16, ELPA21 practice and operational assessments will be available on laptops, desktops, Chromebooks, and iPad devices. ELPA21 will **not** be available on Android tablets during the 2015-16 assessment window.

If you have any questions about the OAKS Secure Browser, or the use of the ELPA21 practice test, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#). For questions regarding the ELPA21 Test Specifications and Blueprints documents, please contact [Michelle McCoy](#).

ELPA21 Kindergarten and Grade 1 Receipt of Paper Testing Materials

All Kindergarten and 1st Grade English Learners participating in ELPA21 are required to complete a paper writing section of the assessment. The ELPA21 paper-pencil writing forms will be packaged by school and shipped to districts, for delivery the week of **January 25, 2016**. Detailed information on the packaging, shipping, and receipt of paper writing test materials is posted on the ODE website [here](#). Non-secure practice materials for the Directions for Administration and the student booklet for the Kindergarten and 1st Grade paper-pencil section are posted [here](#) for use at any time.

ELPA21 Professional Development Modules: Updated Link Available

The ELPA21 professional development modules were created through joint efforts of the ELPA21 consortium, CCSSO, and the Understanding Language Initiative at Stanford University. Educator teams from Iowa, Oregon, and Washington completed the first three modules during fall 2015. In order to make the videos and accompanying resources more user friendly, the link to these resources has recently been moved to a Stanford University web address. ODE will use the Stanford link temporarily during 2016 while a more permanent solution is found. Please visit the [ELPA21 Tools and Resources](#) page and click on the link under the Professional Development Modules heading to view the three available modules.

ELPA21 Headset Check Now Available for iPads & Chromebooks

As previously announced, the OAKS Diagnostic Tool includes a page that is designed for testing headsets for use with ELPA21. To access this tool, open the secure browser, click on the link to go to the Practice Test site, and then click on the link to "Run Diagnostics." When the diagnostic tool opens, click on "Recording and Playback Check." You will be taken through a series of checks to evaluate how the headset performs with listening and speaking items. The diagnostic check was previously only available for desktop and laptop computers. AIR has now expanded the diagnostic check so that it can be used to evaluate headsets with iPads and Chromebooks.

The [OAKS Diagnostic Tool](#) is also available through the OAKS Portal, but is only compatible with supported Firefox and Chrome internet browsers.

ELPA21 Administration Updates **REPEAT**

ELPA21 domain exemptions for 2015-16

Due to the change from the semi-adaptive algorithm to a fixed form ELPA21 this year, the test administration for any student with a programmed domain exemption must change. While the student-level domain exemption process for programming the exemptions into the TIDE system remains the same, the actual test administration of the online ELPA21 domains will be slightly different this year. Section 9.3 of the [Test Administration Manual](#) contains updated instructions on how to administer ELPA21 tests with one or more domain exemption(s).

ELPA21 Pause Rule Update

The Test Administration Manual, as published on October 1, indicated a new 60-minute pause rule for ELPA21. However, based on a recent decision by the ELPA21 Consortium, **there will be no pause rule in 2015-16**. ODE has posted a Revised [Test Administration Manual](#) reflecting this change in policy and is in the process of updating the ELPA21 Training Module to remove references to a pause rule for ELPA21 and to reinstate Oregon's previous pause rule policy for our English language proficiency assessment.

Kindergarten & Grade 1 Paper-Pencil Writing Distribution

Working with our vendor, ODE continues to progress in the planning for the paper-pencil portion of the ELPA21 writing domain for Kindergarten and 1st graders. Here are some key updates that can be shared at this time:

- The deadline for the LEP flag update specifically for Kindergarten and Grade 1 personalized labels and booklet processing has passed. For K-1 English Learners whose LEP flag was not updated on or before 12/4/15, districts will receive blank labels with printing instructions and an overage of booklets to account for any students whose flag wasn't set to 'Y' in time, or for new students who arrive to the district.
- Note that, as always, the LEP flag must be set to 'Y' in order for the ELPA21 to appear in the student's list of available tests. So, all English Learners who are required to participate in ELPA21 must have their LEP flags updated in the SSID system before the ELPA21 will be available for the student. The previous deadline for the K-1 writing domain paper-pencil was solely for booklet ordering and label pre-printing. District staff should proceed with the usual flag updates for all English Learners in all grades.
- The Kindergarten and Grade 1 secure test booklets will be packaged by school and are expected to be delivered to the District Test Coordinators in late January. In addition to the secure test booklets, the ELPA21 paper-pencil portion also includes a secure Directions for Administration (DFA) booklet. There will be one DFA booklet included in the package for every five student booklets delivered to each school. Each school will receive an overage of their assigned form and associated DFA, and the Regional ESD Partners will also have overages of all forms for district use.
- There are a variety of test forms for each grade. Kindergarten has four test forms for the paper-pencil portion, and Grade 1 has six. Test forms will be packaged by school, so all Kindergarten students in the same school will be administered the same form, and all Grade 1 students in the same school be administered the same Grade 1 form. The secure DFA booklets are personalized for each form, so they are not interchangeable. Secure administration of the paper-pencil writing portion is recommended in a 3 to 1 student/TA ratio, and can be group administered.
- All Kindergarten and Grade 1 students who participate in the online ELPA21 must also complete the paper-pencil writing portion, unless they are exempted from the writing domain. Please remember to enter any domain exemptions in TIDE prior to ELPA21 testing. The paper-pencil materials, including the Directions For Administration documents, are secure. The Directions for Administration for the paper-pencil writing portion includes directions and verbatim scripts for test administration.
- Instructions for returning the secure student booklets back to the vendor for scoring are coming soon. All of the paper-pencil materials must be securely stored. Please see the Test Administration Manual for guidance.
- Test materials, as identified in Section 2 Test Security of the [Test Administration Manual](#), must be securely shredded once the ELPA21 testing window has closed on **April 12, 2016** and must be stored securely in the meantime.

■ EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Extended Assessment: Test Windows

- **Administration:** Opens February 18, 2016 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on April 28, 2016.
- Assessment materials are available for download from ODE's district secure site **one week prior** to the opening of the administration window (**February 11, 2016**).
- **Data Entry:**
 - Grades 3-8 & HS (grade 11): Opens February 18, 2016 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on **May 13, 2016** on ODE's district secure site. Performance scores will be available **May 27, 2016**.
 - Grade 12 retake: Opens February 18, 2016 and closes at 5:00 p.m. on **April 28, 2016** on ODE's district secure site. For Grade 12 data entered by/on April 28, 2016, performance scores will be available **May 13, 2016**.

For more detailed information consult the Current Test Schedule PDF posted at the top of the Statewide Alternate (Extended) Assessment webpage at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/results/?id=178> or contact Brad Lenhardt at brad.lenhardt@state.or.us.

■ KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

2015-16 Kindergarten Assessment Report Validation Window

The 2015-2016 preliminary Oregon Kindergarten Assessment results will be available for districts to review in the Kindergarten Assessment Validation located in the [Achievement Data Insight](#) (ADI) Application from **January 11 through January 25, 2016**. ODE will refresh the preliminary data on **Friday, January 15**, and **Friday, January 22**. Statewide data will be released to the public on **Monday, February 8, 2016**.

Please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) if you find any discrepancies in your Kindergarten Assessment Validation data. If corrections are needed, please send collection open requests to your [Regional ESD Partner](#) and CC Amber Helvie (amber.helvie@state.or.us). The last day to make changes in the Kindergarten Assessment Collections is **Friday, January 29, 2016**.

Contact your District Security Administrator (DSA) if you do not have access to the validation. If you don't know who your DSA is, you can look them up here <https://district.ode.state.or.us/apps/login/searchSA.aspx>.

■ SMARTER BALANCED

No articles this week

■ SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

OAKS Science and OAKS Social Sciences Testing Window Now Open

OAKS Science and OAKS Social Sciences assessments became available on **Tuesday, January 5, 2016** and will close on **June 10, 2015**.

Yes, state science assessments (in our case, OAKS) are **required** in grades 5, 8 and once in high school per [ESSA, Title I Part A, sec. 1111\(b\)\(3\)](#); [ORS 329.485](#); and [OAR 581-22-0610](#). Each student has two test opportunities for grades 3-8 and three annual test opportunities for high school.

OAKS Social Sciences is an optional test for students in grades 5, 8, and in high school. Each student has two annual test opportunities in social sciences.

Accessibility Supports

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No articles this week

Essential Skills

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Accountability Reporting

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www.ode.state.or.us/go/AsmtRpt

Second Period Cumulative ADM Reporting Period Now Open

The Second Period Cumulative ADM collection is now open and will close on **Monday, January 11 at 11:59 PM**. Training materials can be found online at <https://district.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=156> or the [Schedule of Due Dates](#), and the video training can be found at <https://district.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=250>. If you have questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or Beth Blumenstein at beth.blumenstein@state.or.us or 503-947-5767.

2015-16 Test Records in Student Centered Staging and Webinar Training

OAKS Online test records for Science and Social Sciences are available in the Student Centered Staging, Accountability Warehouse Extract (AWE), and Secure Assessment Reports 2.0 (SAR) applications beginning **January 7, 2016**. OAKS Science and Social Sciences records will typically be available in Student Centered Staging two days after the student completes a test. **Please note** that there is a one-day lag for changes to test records in Student Centered Staging (district edits or newly loaded records) to be available in the AWE and SAR applications.

There will be a Video Training webinar on **Thursday, January 14** at 2 PM. This webinar will focus on management of assessment data in Student Centered Staging (i.e., editing posted records; reviewing and correcting errors; applying administration codes) and accessing the test records in the AWE and SAR applications. If you do not have access to Student Centered Staging, AWE, or SAR applications, please contact your [district security administrator](#).

To participate in the webinar, go to <https://district.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=250>.

Contact your [Regional ESD partner](#) for more information.

Assessment and Accountability Checklist for 2015-16 Updated January 7, 2016

The Assessment & Accountability Checklist for 2015-16 has been revised and is posted at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=472>. Please note the revision history starting on page 49.

Changes of note:

- Regional ESD Partners support for Region 2
- 2014-15 Dropout and Cohort Graduation Rate Public Release - **January 28**
- Data entry deadline for Grade 12 Extended Assessment records - **April 28**
 - Grade 12 Extended test records submitted by April 28 will be available to districts on May 13.

Future Assessment Development

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■ Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS)

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