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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oregon Professional Development Opportunity: ELA and Mathematics Summative Assessment Scoring

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 Assessments. **The initial training for this project will occur on April 13, 2020, in Salem, OR.** Substitute and travel costs for the April 13 training day will be covered by ODE.

Following that training day, qualified raters will then commit to scoring items remotely during their own off-contract time throughout spring. The training is primarily intended for individuals who would like to gain professional development and increased knowledge of hand-scored items and the rubrics used to score them. Applicants will need to apply for either ELA or mathematics scoring.

ODE will prioritize selection based on educator and regional diversity, active classroom educators and instructional coaches, grade band scoring needs, and a combination of both new and experienced scoring experience.

Applicants will be signed on as temporary employees with Measurement Incorporated and will receive compensation at the standard ODE rate of \$26.60 per hour. It is anticipated that raters will be expected to work 3 evening shifts, which occur Monday – Friday for a 4 to 6 week period (mid-April to late May/early June). Each evening shift will require a minimum of 2 hours of scoring student responses.

The deadline for submitting an [application](#) is **Thursday, March 5, 2020**, and ODE will notify successful applicants by March 9 along with information on the next steps.

For additional information, please review the [Scoring Recruitment Notice](#) contact [Tony Bertrand](#), Language Arts Assessment Specialist or [Andrew Byerley](#), Mathematics Assessment Specialist.

Upcoming System Downtime

This is a reminder of the upcoming scheduled system downtime for Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE), Test Delivery System (TDS), and Online Reporting System (ORS). The all-system downtime is scheduled from **Friday, February 7 at 5:00 p.m. PT to Sunday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. PT.** The full list of [Scheduled Downtimes](#) is available on the [OSAS Portal](#).

Smarter Balanced Sample Item Database Downtime

The [Smarter Balanced Sample Item Database](#) will be offline on **Tuesday, February 4** and **Wednesday, February 5** to prepare the website for the release of new sample items and scoring rubrics on **Thursday, February 6**. More information on these new sample items will be sent in next week's Assessment & Accountability Update.

Please contact Mathematics Assessment Specialist [Andy Byerley](#) if you have any questions or concerns.

Cambium Learning Group Acquisition of AIR Assessment

On January 6, 2020, it was [announced](#) that Cambium Learning Group completed its acquisition of the assessment division of American Institutes for Research. AIR Assessment has joined the Cambium Learning portfolio, retaining its testing applications used in 26 states. Now called Cambium Assessment, Inc., the company anticipates no changes in staffing as part of the acquisition. State testing contracts with the Oregon Department of Education will be amended to reflect the change in ownership; however, the deliverables outlined in the contract and the terms of the contract remain unchanged. ODE will continue to work directly with the same program management team, and there will be no impact on the assessments delivered by Cambium Assessment. Furthermore, students and educators in schools and districts will continue to use the same testing applications with which they are familiar, and all URLs, e-mail addresses, user documentation, and the like will remain unchanged throughout the Spring administration. You will notice this change reflected in our communications, so we wanted you to understand the shift. We will curtail the use of "AIR" to refer to our test delivery vendor, instead referring to "Cambium" or "Cambium Assessment."

Please contact [Dan Farley](#), Director of Assessment, if you have any questions or concerns.

2019 - 2020 Oregon Summative Assessment Item Writing Development (ELA 3rd - HS & Math 6th - 8th) **REPEAT**

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is seeking educators interested in participating as item writers for the Oregon Summative Assessments in ELA and Mathematics. This commitment includes time for both onsite training and item review, as well as time for the independent development of items. Please complete the following [application](#) and submit by no later than **Thursday, February 6, 2020**. ODE will notify successful applicants for both ELA and math by Monday, February 10, 2020, of their inclusion in the project, along with information on the next steps.

For further information please refer to the complete [recruitment letter](#), or contact [Tony Bertrand](#), Language Arts Assessment Specialist, or [Andrew Byerley](#), Mathematics Assessment Specialist.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

2019-20 Statewide Kindergarten Assessment Data Release

The 2019-20 Statewide Kindergarten Assessment Results will be available on **Thursday, February 6**. ODE will send the results to district superintendents to review on February 3. For additional information or questions related to the Kindergarten Assessment, please contact [Holly Dalton](#).

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff Position Collection Closed – Audit Review Window Opens February 6

The Staff Position Collection has closed, but it will reopen on **Thursday, February 6, 2020** at 1:00 PM for the Audit Review Window. The collection will remain open until **11:59 PM on Friday, February 14, 2020**. During the Audit Review Window, all Staff Position submitters should log in to their Staff Position Collection to review their audits.

For more information, please see the [Staff Position Resources page](#), contact your [Regional ESD Partners](#), or [Ryan Clark](#) at 503-947-5632.

Assessment and Accountability Checklist for 2019-20 Updated January 28, 2020

The Assessment & Accountability Checklist for 2019-20 has been revised and posted on the [Key Dates](#) webpage. Please note the revision history starting on page 53.

Changes of note:

- Kindergarten Assessment report for 2019-20 released to the public on **February 6, 2020**
- Science scores available in ORS and Student Centered Staging on **March 10, 2020**
- Logramos testing window **April 20 – May 15, 2020**