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Regional ESD Partners

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Who To Contact at ODE

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/aa-who-to-contact.pdf>

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Find all the Assessment & Accountability dates for the current school year in the

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming System Downtime

This is a reminder of the previously scheduled downtime for the Test Delivery System (TDS) from **11:59 PM PT on Thursday, February 1** through **6 AM PT Tuesday, February 6** to deploy the Math and ELA assessments for the 2017-2018 school year. TIDE will also be unavailable from **6 PM PT Thursday, February 1** through **6 AM PT Friday, February 2** to deploy system upgrades to TIDE (version 10.1). More information about TIDE version 10.1 can be found in the [TIDE User Guide](#), Appendix D. The full list of [Scheduled Downtime](#) is available at oaksportal.org.

TIDE and ORS Training Webinars Posted

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) hosted the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) and OAKS Online Reporting System (ORS) trainings in December and January. These recorded trainings have now been posted to the [Assessment Training Materials](#) webpage for anyone interested that was not able to attend.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Oregon Extended Assessment: 1% Participation Cap Reporting Requirement Deadline

In 2015 Congress reauthorized ESEA as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). With this reauthorization, ESSA **requires that “local educational agencies projected to exceed the 1% cap shall submit information to the State educational agency justifying the need to exceed such cap.”**

To assist LEAs in this reporting requirement, the Oregon Department of Education has provided and recorded a webinar focused on this new reporting requirement, computed the 1% participation rate, and the means for LEAs to justify the need to exceed this cap. The links to the recorded webinar, the participation rate of districts projected to exceed the 1% cap, as well as the Justification Submission form for districts to **complete and submit by February 15, 2018** can be found under the Policies section (i.e., [NEW ESSA “1% Participation Requirement”](#)) of the [Statewide Alternate \(Extended\) Assessment](#) webpage.

For additional information and/or questions, contact Brad Lenhardt at

Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us at 503-947-5775.

SMARTER BALANCED

Smarter Balanced Educator Opportunities **REPEAT**

ODE seeks educators to participate in in-person Smarter Balanced content development activities beginning in spring 2018. For more information and supporting documents, please refer to “Smarter Balanced Educator Opportunities” article posted in the [January 18 A & A Update](#). For Math related questions, contact Bryan Toller at bryan.toller@state.or.us or 503-947-5832. For English Language Arts related questions, contact Tony Bertrand at tony.bertrand@state.or.us or 503-947-5830.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff Position Collection Closed – Audit Review Window Opens February 8

The Staff Position Collection has closed but will reopen on **Thursday, February 8 at 1 PM** for the Audit Review Window, and it will remain open through **Friday, February 16**. During this time, all Staff Position submitters should log in to review their audits. More information can be found on the [Staff Position Resources page](#), or you may contact [Beth Blumenstein](#) at 503-947-5767 or your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: There are staff showing up on my USID list that are no longer with our district. How do I remove them?

ANSWER: You do not need to remove staff associated with your district in the USID system who are no longer active with you. Staff will remain associated with your district until another district claims them, and this is okay. Actual staff employer reporting comes from the staff data collections (Staff Position, Staff Assignment, or Class Roster), not the USID system. So, the staff will remain showing on your USID list, but you do not need to resave their information each year like you do for your active staff. More information about how to update your USID information can be found in Appendix A of the [Consolidated Staff Collections Manual](#).

QUESTION: I found two different USID numbers for the same staff member. What do I do?

ANSWER: Email both numbers to the [ODE Helpdesk](#), and they will merge them for you. Once merged, the Helpdesk will let you know which number was retained for reporting.