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CONTACTS

Regional ESD Partners

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/esdpartners.pdf>

Who To Contact at ODE

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

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For the weeks and months ahead

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OAKS High School Science Scores Now Available at End of Test

On February 21, ODE communicated that, due to inadvertent changes in test configuration for the 2017-2018 testing year, OAKS **High School Science** scores were not appearing when a high school student submitted a test. AIR implemented a fix to this issue overnight, so scores will now appear correctly upon submission of the High School Science test. For those students who completed and submitted their OAKS High School Science test during the period of January 9 - February 21, 2018, districts can retrieve scores through the Score Reports and Retrieve Student Results modules in ORS. For more information, see the [Online Reporting System User Guide](#). AIR apologizes for any inconvenience this issue has caused and appreciates your patience.

Chromebook Secure Browser Upgrade Coming Soon

Later this month, ODE and AIR will release an upgrade to the Secure Browser for Chromebooks (date TBD). A second announcement will be posted when the new Secure Browser is available in the Chrome store. The key change with the new version is a feature to prevent a student's Chromebook from going to sleep during testing. This improvement will help students avoid Chromebook's default inactivity timeout while they work on a draft writing response on paper before entering their response into the Secure Browser. The updated Secure Browser will manage the power state on a student's Chromebook only while a student is inside a test and not, for example, when the student is logging in to the test or while the test is paused. No action is required on the part of districts to install this upgrade. All Chromebooks which have the Secure Browser installed will be updated automatically once the upgrade is available in the Chrome store. Even Chromebooks which are set up in the management console to block OS auto-updates will receive the upgrade, because Chromebooks automatically check for new versions of installed apps every time they are powered on and connect to the internet.

Mac OS X 10.13 Support Now Available

The Secure Browser for Mac OS X 10.13 (High Sierra) is now available on the OAKS portal, in the Resources section on the Download Secure Browser tab. As a reminder, this new version is required for students who will test on OS X 10.13 only. Please contact the OAKS Helpdesk with any questions about this Secure Browser for Mac OS X 10.13.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: Will teachers get any feedback about how their students/schools do on the Science field test questions that will be on this year's test?

ANSWER: Students and teachers will not receive feedback on the field test items embedded in this year's assessment.

Weekly Count of Administered Tests

Numbers as of February 21, 2018

| | STARTED | COMPLETED |
|------------------|---------|-----------|
| ELA CAT: | 676 | 558 |
| ELA PT: | 451 | 327 |
| MATH CAT: | 354 | 255 |
| MATH PT: | 262 | 239 |
| ELPA21 | 20,485 | 15,145 |
| Science: | 13,426 | 12,525 |
| Social Sciences: | 270 | 254 |
| TOTAL | 35,924 | 29,303 |