



Assessment and Accountability UPDATE

MARCH 2, 2017

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Weekly Count of Administered Tests Numbers as of March 1, 2017

	STARTED	COMPLETED
ELA CAT:	809	632
ELA PT:	614	383
MATH CAT:	388	315
MATH PT:	295	276
ELPA21	26,596	19,175
Science:	20,344	19,543
Soc Sci:	411	341
TOTAL	49,457	40,665

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FEBRUARY 7 - APRIL 27	ELPA21 Testing Window
FEBRUARY 7 - JUNE 9	Smarter Balanced Testing Window for English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, grades 3-8 and high school (grade 11) (plus optional grade 12 retest)
FEBRUARY 16 - APRIL 27	OAKS Extended Assessments Testing Window for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
FEBRUARY 16 - MAY 12	OAKS Extended Assessments Data Entry Window for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science
MARCH 3 - 5	OAKS Online Test Delivery System (including Practice Tests) and Online Reporting System (ORS) offline for scheduled maintenance
MARCH 10	Testing Window CLOSES for NAEP in selected schools
MARCH 21 - JUNE 30	Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics Tests available in OAKS Online Reporting System pending comprehensive quality control
MARCH 21 - JUNE 30	Smarter Balanced ELA and Mathematics Tests posted to Student Centered Staging pending comprehensive quality control
MARCH 30 - APRIL 24	Report Validation Window for Staff FTE, Staff Ethnicity 2016-17
MARCH 31 - APRIL 2	OAKS Online Test Delivery System (including Practice Tests) and Online Reporting System (ORS) offline for scheduled maintenance
APRIL 4	ELPA21 Braille Data Entry (DEI) system goes live UPDATE
APRIL 10	ELPA21 Preliminary Student Scores available in OAKS Online Reporting System pending comprehensive quality control
APRIL 10	ELPA21 Tests completed February 7-28 available in Student Centered Staging pending comprehensive quality control
APRIL 13 @ 9 AM	Webinar: Training for ESEA Title III: English Learners Collection 2016-17
APRIL 13 @ 2 PM	Webinar: Training for Third Period Cumulative ADM Collection 2016-17
APRIL 17 - MAY 12	Logramos Testing Window
APRIL 20 - MAY 15	Report Validation Window for Institutions for Accountability Reports 2016-17 (Boundary Calculator due May 12) NEW

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chrome OS 56 Patch with ELPA21 Recorder Fix Released

On February 23, AIR announced that Google had rolled back the Chrome OS 56 that contained the fix for the ELPA21 recorder issue due to internal production issues. Google has confirmed that this fix has now been officially released. Chromebooks used for testing ELPA21 Speaking should be updated to Chrome OS **56.0.2924.110**. AIR continues to recommend that all schools that administer ELPA21 tests on Chromebooks take a practice test on the model of Chromebook they are using and verify that ELPA21 Speaking records correctly before administering the test to students.

Upcoming System Downtimes

This is a reminder of the previously scheduled maintenance downtime for all OAKS Portal systems (TIDE, ORS, Operational Tests, and Practice Tests) **March 3, 5:00 PM PT - March 5, 7:00 PM PT**.

All systems will not be available during this period. The full list of [Scheduled Downtime](#) is available at oaksportal.org.

Test Administration

[Assessment Test Administration Webpage](#)

MARY ANDERSON – DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT

No articles this week

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■ EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

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■ KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

No articles this week

■ SMARTER BALANCED

Sample Scientific Calculator Now Available on the OAKS Portal

AIR is pleased to announce that a sample scientific calculator that is used for Smarter Balanced Grade 7 and 8 Mathematics assessments is now available on the OAKS portal. The sample scientific calculator can be found in the Other section of the OAKS Portal [Resources](#) along with new links for the sample standard and full function calculators that are used for other OAKS and Smarter Balanced tests. The [Calculator Manual](#) has been updated to reflect the new links to these calculators.

■ SCIENCE AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

No articles this week

Accessibility Supports[Oregon Accessibility Manual](#)

BRAD LENHARDT – STUDENT SERVICES EDUCATION SPECIALIST

No articles this week

Essential Skills[Essential Skills Homepage](#)

CRISTEN MCLEAN – ASSESSMENT POLICY ANALYST

Essential Skills Option for English Learners: OAR Amendment

The State Board of Education's recent amendment to the *Essential Skills for English Language Learners* OAR (581-022-0617) includes an important policy update for school districts that have adopted a policy allowing English Learners (ELs) to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in the students' language of origin.

Policy Update

An EL student pursuing a diploma in 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 may demonstrate proficiency in the reading and/or writing Essential Skills in the student's language of origin as long as the student:

- is on track to meet all other graduation requirements;
- is unable to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in English; and
- has been enrolled in a U.S. school for five years or fewer.

The OAR amendment suspends the minimum English language proficiency criterion for students seeking a diploma in 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 and this suspension will sunset on August 31, 2018. This amendment does not impact the requirements in place for EL students to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills of math.

As a reminder, school districts that administer Work Samples in languages other than English must ensure that the Work Samples are scored by a rater who is endorsed by the school district as proficient in the language and trained to a high degree of proficiency in scoring Work Samples.

Additional information is available in the [Essential Skills Option for English Learners Update](#). This information will be included in an update to the **Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual**. The updated version will be posted on March 6 on the [ODE Essential Skills website](#).

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Accountability Reporting[Links to Accountability Webpages](#)

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No articles this week

Question & Answer

ANSWERS TO COMMON QUESTIONS FROM THE FIELD

Question: My student is receiving the following message when recording for the ELPA21 test: “Your recording might be too soft. Click the Speaker button to listen to your recording again, and click Record to record it again. Or, if you think your response is loud enough, click Next to go to your next item.” What should I advise the student?

Answer: Should a student receive this message, please advise that they play back the recording. If they can hear their response, the student should move on. If it is clear during playback, then the scorers will be able to hear it and score it.

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