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2020 Oregon Educator Opportunities with Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium

The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with Smarter Balanced, is recruiting qualified educators to support and represent the State of Oregon at the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium assessment activities for 2020. Lodging, travel costs, and applicable reimbursements will be provided following the meeting to each selected participant. Interested candidates can apply by submitting the online [application](#) form to Smarter Balanced **by April 22, 2020**.

Smarter Balanced educator recruiting includes the following in-person activities:

- Rangefinding: **Week of July 6**
- Math Item Review and Item Author Training: **Week of July 20**
- ELA Item Review and Item Author Training: **Week of August 3**
- Math Item Review # 2: **Week of October 26**
- ELA Item Review # 2: **Week of October 26**

The selected educators will need to complete additional travel and contract information.

Please refer to the [General Information for Educator Involvement Document](#) for additional information or contact [Tony Bertrand](#), ELA Assessment Specialist, or [Andrew Byerley](#), Mathematics Assessment Specialist.

Regional ESD Partner Support Update

The [Regional ESD Partner contact list](#) has been updated to reflect an addition to the Assessment and Collections contacts for the Region 3 service area. Your Regional ESD partners are available Monday through Friday, 7:30-4:30. The updated contact information is available on the ODE website and the update includes a description of the support that each team provides: Accountability, Collections and Assessment.

Upcoming System Downtime **REPEAT**

This is a reminder of the upcoming scheduled system downtime for TIDE, TDS, and ORS. The all-system downtime is scheduled from **Friday, March 13 at 5:00 p.m. PT to Sunday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m. PT**. The full list of [Scheduled Downtimes](#) is available on the [OSAS Portal](#).

TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA

ELPA Braille Version Information Sheet Posted to State Portal

ELPA21 has released an information sheet regarding the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Braille Version (BV) Summative and Screener (formerly called the Blind/Low Vision assessment). This document assists school district staff with preparing for and administering the ELPA Braille Version. Note that some domains are accessible to students who do not read or write Braille. The information sheet indicates these domains by grade band.

The ELPA Braille Version can be ordered using the [Braille Order Form](#) found on the [Test Administration](#) webpage. The ELPA Braille Version Screener can be ordered at any time; the deadline for ordering each year's Braille Version Summative is printed on the order form.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#) at 503-947-5835 with questions or concerns.

MATHEMATICS

The Illustration Glossary is now operational for the Oregon Statewide Summative Assessment in Mathematics. This designated support must be enabled in TIDE for **both** the Math CAT and the Math PT in order for a student to receive an overall score. It is strongly recommended that students who will utilize this support have a chance to practice with it in the Sample Test prior to using it in an operational context.

For more information on the Illustration Glossary, please see the [Smarter Balanced flyer](#), or contact [Andrew Byerley](#), Mathematics Assessment Specialist, at 503-947-5832.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Spring AESRP Meeting on April 10, 2020

The spring Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel (AESRP) meeting will be **April 10, 2020, 9 -10:30 a.m.**, via webinar. Please [register](#) to attend the meeting.

All meetings of the Assessment of Essential Skills Review Panel are open to the public and will conform to Oregon public meetings laws. The upcoming meeting schedule and materials from past meetings are posted on the [ODE Essential Skills homepage](#).

If you have further questions or potential topics of discussion, contact [Tony Bertrand](#) at 503-947-5830.

Weekly Count of Administered Tests

Numbers as of March 12, 2020

	STARTED	COMPLETED
ELA CAT:	9,727	6,960
ELA PT:	7,366	4,298
MATH CAT:	2,842	2,489
MATH PT:	2,499	2,425
ELPA Screener:	11,290	11,052
ELPA Summative:	46,633	39,597
Science:	20,984	17,635
TOTAL	101,341	84,456

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff FTE and Staff Ethnicity Validation Web Training: March 19, 2020

The Staff FTE and Staff Ethnicity Validation Web Training will be held on **March 19, 2020 at 2:00 PM**. The training can be accessed by going to the [ODE Video Training](#) page. The section is titled “Staff Validation 2019-20 – March 19, 2020.” If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Ryan Clark](#) at 503-947-5632.

Oregon Reporting System (ORS) Science Tips

1. Since [ORS](#) presents data as students complete and submit their online tests, it does not take into account any accountability rules. Hence, ORS data is preliminary and may not be used for accountability purposes.
2. A high school data file generated through ‘Retrieve Student Results’ for the 2019-2020 test administration will also include records from the 2018-2019 test administration. It is important to know that only test records from the current test administration (2019-2020) will have ‘3-D Discipline’ subscores. You can filter the subscores by de-selecting ‘blanks’; you will then only see records for the current administration.
3. You can see subscore relative strengths and weakness for groups by selecting ‘Discipline’ from the ‘What’ options list in the Exploration Menu for the current administration.
4. The [ORS User Guide](#) is located in the resources section of the [OSAS Portal](#).