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TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA

ELPA21 English Learner Educator Toolkit: Newcomer Supplement Reminder

In 2022-23, ELPA21 released a supplement to its **ELPA21 English Learner Educator Toolkit**, focusing on “Newcomer” students with EL status. While some elements of this supplement can be used independently, it is designed to work best in tandem with the base EL Toolkit (released in 2021-22). The Newcomer supplement is **free** to Oregon educators during the 2022-23 school year, after which time it will be available for purchase in the [NABE web store](#), alongside other ELPA21 products, such the base ELPA21 EL Toolkit and the English Learners Classroom Poster. Practitioners can download the free **ELPA21 English Learner Educator Toolkit: Newcomer Supplement** by entering their information [in this form](#). Note that if you already used this form in 2022-23, you will not receive a new email. Instead, search your email archives for a message with the subject line “ELPA21 EL Educator Toolkit: Newcomer Supplement – Access”.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#), ELPA Specialist, with questions about ELPA testing.

Please contact [Kim Miller](#), Title III Specialist, with questions about English language proficiency instruction and Title III requirements.

ELPA SCREENER

Future K ELPA Screener Update Posted

At the end of February 2023, ODE announced a change to the Proficient profile for the Future K English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Screener. A [more detailed update document](#) has now been posted to the ELP Assessment page, explaining the rationale for the profile change and providing details about future ODE plans for screening at the Kindergarten level.

The [ELPA Screener Administration Manual](#) has been updated to incorporate the new Proficient profile. The [ELPA Screener Informational Webinar](#) will also be updated to align with the Kindergarten screening updates.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#), ELPA Specialist, with questions and concerns regarding ELPA testing.

EARLY LEARNING TRANSITION CHECK-IN

Early Learning Transition Check-In **REPEAT**

Fall 2022 Pilot report by [Oregon's Kitchen Table](#) is now available. You can also find ODE and ELD's response on the [Early Learning Transition Check-In \(ELTC\) website](#). With input from the Advisory Panel, the Department has chosen to prioritize the following for the Fall 2023 Pilot:

- Ensure timely communication with educators and families
- Put questions regarding pre-kindergarten care, programs and services into context
- Provide opportunities for follow-up with families

Please contact [Sody Fearn](#), K-2 Balanced Assessment Specialist, with questions or concerns about ELTC process.

MATHEMATICS

Recruitment is Open for Mathematics Data Review **REPEAT**

Smarter Balanced is recruiting educators from Oregon to participate in a Data Review event on **April 26-27, 2023**. Educators will review field tested items that have statistical flags to determine if the items are appropriate for inclusion in the Smarter Balanced item bank. This event will be **fully virtual**. There will be approximately 2 hours of asynchronous training to be completed **before** the event. Each workday will be approximately 6 hours with no asynchronous work. Substitute teacher reimbursements will be provided. Please visit the [Smarter Balanced Recruitment](#) website for more information and to apply.

ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORTS

Oregon Accessibility Panel Opportunity **REPEAT**

The Oregon Department of Education Assessment Team is accepting applications for new panel members to serve on the Oregon Accessibility Panel. For additional information about the Oregon Accessibility Panel, you may review our [Membership Parameters and Guidelines](#). If you are interested in serving on the Oregon Accessibility Panel, please review our [Membership Application Form](#). At the end of this form is a link to complete the brief application. The application window will close at the end of March.

Please contact [Mason Rivers](#), Special Education Assessment Specialist, with questions regarding the Oregon Accessibility Panel.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff Validations Web Training: March 16, 2023 **REPEAT**

The Staff Validations (Staff FTE, Staff Ethnicity, and Staff Retention and Experience) Web Training will be held on March 16, 2023 at 2:00 PM. A Link for the training is available on the [District Training](#) page. For more information, please see the Staff Validation Guidance on the [Staff Position Collections](#) page. If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Ryan Clark](#) or 971-208-0471.