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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Live CRS Webinar

ODE and Cambium present the first live CRS Webinar **August 8**, **2023** at 9:00 a.m. This optional webinar will focus on retrieving preliminary assessment results from the Centralized Reporting System. Register links are provided below.

Dates:

- August 8, 2023
- October 5, 2023
- March 12, 2024

Important 2023-24 DTC Training Dates

The annual training is required of both new and returning DTCs. You can find more information on training requirements in the Test Administration Manual Section 1.5.

Register below for one of three dates:

- Tuesday, November 7, 2023 | 3:00-4:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 8, 2023 | 9:00-10:30 AM
- Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 3:45-5:15 PM

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

DTC Webinar

This is an optional webinar series is important communication channel between ODE and DTCs. News, updates, and problems of practice will be discussed. ODE recommends that all DTCs attend.

These reoccurring webinars are scheduled for the second Wednesday, monthly through June 2024 from 10-11am. Registration links are available below:

- September 13, 2023
- October 11, 2023
- November 8, 2023
- December 13, 2023

- January 10, 2024
- February 14, 2024
- March 13, 2024
- April 10, 2024
- May 8, 2024
- June 12, 2024

Please contact Crys Plattner, Administrative Support, with questions or concerns.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

Using Student Last Names to Log into OSAS

Beginning August 1, 2023, students must log in to the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) Secure Browser or student testing site using their last name and Secure Student Identifier (SSID), rather than first name and SSID. The "last name" entered by the student must *exactly match* information recorded in the student's Legal Last Name field in the Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE). This includes spaces, hyphens, and special characters such as diacritical marks. The system will not recognize shortened versions; use all information present in the field, including names separated by spaces or information that is technically not part of the student's last name (such as "Jr." or "III").

If the student's legal last name is incorrect, change it in the local student information system first, then in the ODE SSID System. The update should load in TIDE within two business days (after August 21, 2023). Please contact your Regional ESD Partner for further information or assistance.

ELPA

ELPA Screener Training Materials Updated for 2023-24

Training materials for the ELPA Screener have been updated for 2023-24. The most notable change from 2022-23 is that students now log in to the testing platform using their last name rather than their first name. This login must be an *exact match* to the last name information found in TIDE.

- <u>ELPA Screener Administration Module</u>: Updated screenshots and scripts. The posted version has no audio; an audio version with the same information will be added when available.
- <u>ELPA Screener Speaking Scoring Document</u>: No changes.
- <u>ELPA Screener Administration Manual</u>: Minor changes regarding Future K Screener and updated screenshots. See Summary of Changes.

As a reminder, Test Administrators (TAs) must renew ELPA Screener training yearly. TAs who completed ELPA Screener training within the last year, and who have scheduled a renewal of their training for 2023-24, may continue to administer the Screener in the interim.

The ELPA Screener window in 2023-24 runs as follows:

Dates	Future K Screener	Grade K Screener
8/01/23 – 1/08/24	Available	Offline
1/09/24 – 2/29/24	Offline	Available
3/01/24 – 7/19/24	Available	Available

Please contact Ben Wolcott, ELPA Specialist, with questions or concerns regarding the ELPA Screener.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Assessment and Accountability Checklist for 2023-24 Is Now Available Online

The Assessment and Accountability Checklist provides:

- Assessment testing windows for the 2023-24 school year
- Key events and district responsibilities related to the ordering, handling, administration, and reporting
 of Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) results
- Data collection windows, related to the school and district accountability reports for the 2023-24 school year
- Key events and district responsibilities related to student and staff level data collections used in school and district accountability reports, and assessment group reports

<u>This document</u> is located on the <u>Key Dates</u> webpage. If you identify inaccuracies in this document, or have suggestions for improvement, please contact <u>Cindy Barrick</u>.

School and District Accountability Appeals Due to ODE on August 9, 2023

The Oregon Department of Education <u>will consider appeals</u> regarding accountability data displayed on the 2022-23 Accountability Detail sheets and the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles. On behalf of their respective schools, districts may submit the following to ODE:

- A written request from the school district superintendent or the superintendent's designee, received at ODE by **5:00 PM PDT on August 9, 2023**.
- Appeals must be accompanied by appropriate documentation.

Districts that wish to submit an appeal must return the appropriate materials to <u>Elyse Bean</u> by email. Please use the <u>secure file transfer</u> to submit student level data (if applicable). More information about submitting appeals is available on the <u>Accountability Details</u> page under the Accountability Appeals menu. For questions, contact <u>Elyse Bean</u>.