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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Recruiting for Equitable Grading Practices Fall PLC

- What is your purpose for grades and grading?
- How do you ensure both are equitable for learners you serve?
- How do your current grading practices and policies align with your beliefs about teaching, learning, and equity?

These questions have been underscored through distance learning and navigating teaching and learning through a global pandemic. At the request of several Oregon districts, the Oregon Department of Education is collaborating with national educational leaders to develop professional learning modules for school-based teams in fall 2021. These modules will help teams facilitate their own analysis of their school's grading practices and draft an action plan to continue their work in the spring. School-level teams will represent K-12 schools, should comprise around 5 educator-leaders (including instructional coaches) as well as the building administrator, and are not content-specific. Teams will engage in five Canvas modules in two-week cycles -- two modules in October, two in November, and one in December -- completing checkpoints along the way. The modules are designed for local in-person learning, and each team will have the opportunity to share and collaborate with other teams around the state. Teams can [learn more here](#), and [registration is open](#) through **September 17, 2021**. Please contact [ODE team](#) with any questions.

Region One Assessment Consortium (ROAC)

The Region One Assessment Consortium (ROAC) would like to invite new District Test Coordinators (DTCs) to attend their first meeting of the new school year at the Clackamas Education Service District (CESD) building on **August 20, 2021** (13455 SE 97th Ave #8662, Clackamas, OR 97015). The meeting will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 AM in the Springwater Conference Room. Join veteran DTCs with years of experience to discuss upcoming assessment events. ROAC members will also host their first mentoring presentation titled "So You're a DTC" starting at 10 AM. ROAC will be hosting a meeting every third Friday of the month at the CESD building barring any unforeseen events. **If you plan to attend, please wear a mask.**

Virtual participation options are also available. Please contact [Scott Burich](#), ROAC Chair, if you have any questions.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA

ELPA Screener Training Materials Updated for 2021-22

Training materials for the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Screener have been updated for the 2021-22 school year. These training materials are found on the [Assessment Training Materials](#) page. Required training materials can be found under the Training Modules expandable. Optional training materials can be found under the Optional Training Materials expandable. (Note: The header under Training Modules still reads 2020-21, because Summative training modules in this expandable have not yet been updated for 2021-22.)

Changes to required training materials:

- [ELPA Screener Administration Module](#): updated auto-submit window to 14 days, updated screenshots.
- [ELPA Screener Speaking Scoring Document](#): no significant changes.
- [ELPA Screener Administration Manual](#): updated reading requirements, screenshots, Centralized Reporting System references, and Future K scoring rules. These updates are also captured in the manual's summary of changes.
- [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#): no longer a required training material; removed from list. However, TAs should be aware of any local health and safety measures that may bear on screening procedures.
- [Administering the ELPA Screener and Summative in 2020-21](#): this guidance is phasing out, and has been moved to Optional Training Materials.

Changes to optional training materials:

- [ELPA Screener Centralized Reporting System PowerPoint](#): replaced the previous Online Reporting System PowerPoint. Going forward, Screener results will be retrieved through the Centralized Reporting System (CRS).
- [Administering the ELPA Screener and Summative in 2020-21](#): moved from required training materials. This guidance will complete phase-out on **December 17, 2021**.

The ELPA Screener opened on August 3, 2021. Districts may resume both standard and unique screening at that time.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#) with any questions or concerns.

August ELPA Screener Informational Webinar

The August sessions of the 2020-21 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Screener Informational Webinar have been scheduled and are available for registration. This optional webinar is divided into two parts.

- **Part 1—Introductory information** (audio slide deck only). Part 1 is appropriate for people who are new to the ELPA Screener or who want a refresher on its basic operations.
 - All news and updates referenced in Part 1 are repeated in Part 2 of the informational webinar. Experienced personnel can safely skip Part 1.

- This half of the webinar has been recorded as an [audio slide deck](#) and can be found on the [Assessment Training Materials page](#), under the Optional Training Materials pulldown. Part 1 can be accessed on demand and will not be presented live.
- **Part 2—Updates for 2021-22** (live sessions and audio slide deck). This part of the webinar contains news and updates for the coming school year. Part 2 assumes attendees have a basic understanding of Screener policies and operation. The August session of this webinar contains only minor updates from the May session. **If you attended the May webinar, there is no need to register for the August version.** Instead, save time by reviewing the updated slide deck afterwards.
 - The webinar will be held over Zoom. Register for one of the following sessions:
 - [August 10, 10:00-11:00](#)
 - [August 11, 2:00-3:00](#)
 - An audio slide deck of the content in this session was posted in May. It will be updated after the August webinar with necessary updates that have occurred since that time.
 - Questions and answers unique to the August webinar will be added to the accompanying Q&A document.

Please contact [Ben Wolcott](#) with any questions or concerns.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

School and District Accountability Appeals Due to ODE on August 11, 2021

The Oregon Department of Education will [consider appeals](#) regarding accountability data displayed on the 2020-21 At-A-Glance School and District Profiles. On behalf of their respective schools, 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 11, 2021**.
- Appeals must be accompanied by appropriate documentation.

Districts that wish to submit an appeal must return the appropriate materials to [Elyse Bean](#) by email. Please use the [secure file transfer](#) to submit student level data (if applicable).

More information about submitting appeals is available on [At-A-Glance School and District Profiles webpage](#) under the Accountability Appeals menu. For questions, contact [Elyse Bean](#).

2020-21 At-A-Glance School and District Profiles Validation Open

The At-A-Glance School and District Profiles Validation opened on July 29 and will close **September 29, 2021**. Previews of your preliminary At-A-Glance Profiles are available to review in validation in the [Achievement Data Insight \(ADI\)](#) application.

Training for the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles was conducted on July 29, and a [recording](#) is available. If you have questions regarding the At-A-Glance Profiles, please contact [Elyse Bean](#) or your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

2020-21 At-A-Glance Narrative Data Collection Open July 15 - September 17, 2021

The At-A-Glance Narrative Data Collection opened on July 15 and will close on **September 17, 2021**. The At-A-Glance Narrative Data Collection is located within the [Achievement Data Insight \(ADI\)](#) application. If you do not have access, please contact your [District Security Administrator](#).

Training on how to submit the At-A-Glance Narrative was conducted on June 10, and a [recording](#) is available. If you have questions regarding the At-A-Glance Narrative Data Collection, please contact [Elyse Bean](#) or your [Regional ESD Partner](#).