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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crisis Alerts in 2026-27

Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, districts will be notified of crisis alerts through a dedicated application called Hotline Direct. This application, accessed through the OSAS portal, will help districts track and organize their responses to crisis alerts. A Hotline Direct informational webinar will be offered on 9/29/26. More information can also be found in Section 2.6 of the [Test Administration Manual](#) and in the [Hotline Direct User Guide](#).

Contact the [ODE Assessment Team](#) with questions about state testing. Contact the [OSAS Helpdesk](#) with questions about the Hotline Direct application.

August Reporting System Webinar

The August Live Centralized Reporting System (CRS) Webinar will take place on **Monday, August 10, 2026, from 9:00-10:00 AM**. Please [register here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The focus of this webinar is on the ELPA Screener. This webinar will cover basics. A recording of the webinar will be available on the OSAS Portal after the session.

If you need an interpreter or accommodation to participate in this or future webinars, please contact [Crys Plattner](#), Assessment Administrative Support. If you have questions, please email [ODE Assessment Team](#).

DTC Webinar Series

ODE presents the monthly DTC Webinar on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, from 10:00-11:00 AM**. To attend, please register for each webinar using this [Zoom link](#). This will give you the option to add the appointment to your calendar. After the webinar a link for the recording will be available upon request. If you have questions you'd like answered during the webinar's Q&A session, please submit them through this [Smartsheet form](#).

If you need an interpreter or accommodation to participate in this or future webinars, please contact [Crys Plattner](#), Assessment Administrative Support. If you have questions, please email the [ODE Assessment Team](#).

DTC Annual Training Sessions and Registration

Registration is now available for ODE's 2026-27 DTC Annual Training Sessions.

District Test Coordinators (DTCs) must complete one of the three training sessions to complete the training requirements for TIDE access. ([TAM Section 1.4](#))

Register for one of the following training sessions:

- [November 3, 2026 | 3:00-4:30 p.m.](#)
- [November 4, 2026 | 9:00-10:30 a.m.](#)
- [November 5, 2026 | 3:45-5:15 p.m.](#)

* Note: To receive participation credit, please stay for the entire webinar or you may be asked to make up the missed time.

If you need an interpreter or an accommodation to participate in this or future webinars, please contact [Crys Plattner](#), Assessment Administrative Support. For more information, please contact the [ODE Assessment Team](#).

TEST ADMINISTRATION

2026 - 27 OSAS Interim Assessment Overview Catalog Now Available

ODE Assessment is pleased to announce the release of the [2026-27 OSAS Interim Assessment Overview Catalog](#), a resource designed to help educators quickly understand and navigate the interim assessments available within the Oregon Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) for ELA, Math, and Science.

The catalog provides an overview of available interim assessments, helping educators identify assessment options that align with standards, instructional goals, and student learning needs. It can support planning by making it easier to review what is available and determine which interim assessments may be useful throughout the school year.

Educators and district staff are encouraged to explore the new catalog and use it as a reference when selecting OSAS interim assessment resources.

Explore additional resources and learn more about interim assessment options that support teaching and learning by visiting the [ODE OSAS Interim Assessment website](#).

August Materials Published to Test Administration Page

The Test Administration Manual (TAM), Oregon Accessibility Manual (OAM), and SEED Survey Administration Manual (SAM) have been published and are available on the Test Administration page. The TAM, OAM, and SAM are considered preliminary until approved by the State Board of Education. They will be updated to their final versions on or prior to 10/1/26.

- The [Test Administration Manual](#) outlines policies and procedures for the Oregon statewide assessments. Changes from previous versions are listed in Section 1.2.
- The [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#) outlines policies and requirements governing the provision of accessibility supports for students participating in Oregon's Statewide Assessments. Changes from previous versions are listed in the Change Log.

- The [SEED Survey Administration Manual](#) contains necessary guidance (per OAR 581-022-2100) and technical information to administer the Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey. Changes from previous versions are listed in the Change Log.

Contact the [Assessment Team](#) with questions or concerns.

ELPA

August 2026 ELPA Informational Webinar Scheduled

The August 2026 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Informational Webinar has been scheduled and is available for registration. This optional webinar provides an overview of updates regarding ELPA testing and related policy. The webinar will be held over Zoom. Register at the following links:

- [Thursday August 27, 3-4:00 p.m.](#)
- [Friday August 28, 10-11:00 a.m.](#)

Information shared in this webinar will also be made available asynchronously. Webinar slides and a compiled Q&A will be posted in the Resources accordion on the [ELP Assessment page](#) after the second session. The morning and afternoon sessions are identical; there is no need to register for both.

Contact [Ben Wolcott](#), ELPA Specialist, with questions or concerns.

ELPA Screener Training Materials Updated for 2026-27

The training materials for the ELPA Screener have been updated for 2026-27. This includes the ELPA Screener Informational Slides, the ELPA Screener Administration Module (non-audio version; audio version forthcoming), and the ELPA Screener Administration Manual. These materials are found on the [Assessment Training Materials page](#), in the Training Modules accordion.

As a reminder, Test Administrators who will be administering the ELPA Screener need to complete training once per calendar year. For returning TAs who completed ELPA Screener training less than one calendar year ago, this may mean they can review updates prior to administering their first ELPA Screener and complete the full ELPA Screener training at a later date chosen by the district.

Contact [Ben Wolcott](#), ELPA Specialist, with questions regarding ELPA testing.

2026-27 ELPA Updates

The following changes will take effect for ELPA tests in 2026-27.

- Existing ELPA guidance was consolidated into a single document: Unified ELPA Guidance.
 - The document includes a Summary of Changes explaining changes from previous versions in full.
- In 2026-27, there is only one ELPA Screener in Grade K. The Proficient threshold is scores of 4+ in all non-exempt domains (as in all other grades).
- The ELPA Summative and Alt ELPA domain exemption tool will be available during the test window.
 - Domain exemption errors can be corrected if the student has not yet opened the relevant domain test.
 - Submit a test impropriety for domain exemption errors where the student has already opened the relevant domain test or will not return to any domain test.

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

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Upcoming Extended Assessment Participation Webinar & Office Hours

Each fall, districts are required to submit their projected Oregon Extended Assessment participation numbers and rates. To support districts in understanding reporting expectations, ODE will be hosting an optional webinar from **10:00 – 11:00 AM on Friday, September 4, 2026**. The webinar will be recorded and posted on the [Oregon Extended Assessment webpage](#) under the *Policies* section for viewing by those who are unable to attend.

Please use [this link](#) to register for the webinar in advance. Once you register, you will receive the meeting login information via email.

Additionally, ODE will be holding open office hours on the following dates to support districts with the extended assessment participation reporting requirements.

- **Thursday, September 17, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM**
[Join the meeting now](#)* via Microsoft Teams - [Need help?](#)
Meeting ID: 280 619 089 173 035
Passcode: u7Hv3a2M
- **Friday, September 25, 2026 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM**
[Join the meeting now](#)* via Microsoft Teams - [Need help?](#)
Meeting ID: 274 334 998 402 117
Passcode: Sy68Pk6p

* There is no need to register for these office hours. Simply use the link above at the indicated date and time to join. If you are not a Microsoft Teams user, we suggest joining from a desktop browser. Mobile users may be required to download the Microsoft Teams app to join.

Any questions in advance of the webinar may be emailed directly to [Mason Rivers](#), Education Program Specialist 2, Office of Enhancing Student Opportunities.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

School and District Accountability Appeals Due to ODE on August 12, 2026

The Oregon Department of Education will [consider appeals](#) regarding accountability data displayed on the 2025-26 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 12, 2026**.
- 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 the [Accountability Details](#) page under the Accountability Appeals menu. For questions, contact [Elyse Bean](#).

Assessment and Accountability Checklist for 2026-27 Is Now Available Online

The Assessment and Accountability Checklist provides:

- Assessment windows for the 2026-27 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 2026-27 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

[This document](#) is located on the [Key Dates](#) webpage.

If you identify inaccuracies in this document, or have suggestions for improvement, please contact [Cindy Barrick](#).

ARUA 2025-26 and Third Period Cumulative ADM to Close for Final Report Processing

The Assessment Record Updating Application (ARUA) will be closed for editing 2025-26 test records on **August 21 at 5 PM** for final report processing. The Third Period Cumulative ADM collection will close on **August 21 at 11:59 PM** for final accountability report processing. **No changes will be allowed after this date.**

Assessment 2025-26 records will re-open by **9 AM on Tuesday, August 25**. All subjects will be read-only (i.e., downloadable but not editable) at that time.

If you have questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

New Accountability Documents Posted on ODE Website

There are new documents currently available on the [At-A-Glance School and District Profiles](#) and [Accountability Details](#) pages on the ODE public website:

Manuals

- [At-A-Glance School and District Profiles Technical Manual](#) – this document describes the purpose and contents of the At-A-Glance School and District Profiles.
- [Accountability Details Technical Manual](#) – this document contains an overview of the accountability system and describes the purpose and contents of the Accountability Details reports.

Tools

- [Validation Notes for At-A-Glance School and District Profiles and Accountability Details](#) – this document contains information about updates to data elements in the At-A-Glance School and District Profile and Accountability Details reports.
- [How to Review the Accountability Details Report](#) – this document is intended as a brief outline to help districts and schools identify critical timelines for the Accountability Details reports, review and validate their Measures of Interim Progress (MIP), and to provide a general understanding of the calculations reported.

Accountability Appeals

- [School Accountability Appeals Notice](#) – this document describes the process and the deadline for submitting an appeal.

For questions, please contact [Elyse Bean](#).

REMINDER: Validations Closing on August 21, 2026

The following validations will close on **August 21**, and **no changes will be allowed beyond that date**. Make sure that you review your data thoroughly before that deadline, and contact the data owner using the “Ask A Question” feature if you have questions or need to make corrections. All of these validations are located in the [Achievement Data Insight](#) (ADI) Application.

- Student Enrollment
- Regular Attenders
- English Language Arts Student Performance
- Mathematics Student Performance
- Science Next Gen Student Performance
- Ninth Grade On-Track
- On Track to English Language Proficiency (ELP)
- Student Mobility

These validations contain data that will appear on the school and district At-A-Glance Profiles, as well as other accountability reports. If you do not have access to ADI, or cannot see one of the tiles you should be reviewing, contact your [district security administrator](#) immediately. Permissions to these validations must be granted separately for each validation. Training on the use of the ADI, and on several of the validations, is available on the [ODE District Training](#) page.

If you have questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

Class Size Validation Checks for the Week of August 3

There are 10 schools still missing from the Class Schedule collection. Please contact your [Regional ESD Partners](#) as soon as possible to address any errors or difficulties you may have had.

Class Size Validation checks will go out this week. All types of core subject and self-contained classes were evaluated for changes in medians and numbers of reported class types. These checks identify unusual data and large changes in data contrasted to the 2024-25 school year. Also, institutions were identified that have missing students in cumulative Third Period ADM or did not offer specific academic subjects under Division 22.

If you have questions, please contact [Robin Stalcup](#), Research Analyst or the [Regional ESD Partners](#) can also help you edit your Class Schedule collection.

Student Enrollment Validation Ends August 21, 2026

The Student Enrollment validation of 2025-26 Third Period Cumulative ADM closes on **Friday August 21**. The second validation checks went out July 31, with an updated email sent August 3. These checks were based on data refreshed on July 27, 2026. Please respond to the check if you haven't already.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partners for Collections and Accountability](#), or [Robin Stalcup](#), Research Analyst.