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## CONTACTS

### Regional ESD Partners

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/esdpartners.pdf>

### Who To Contact at ODE

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/aa-who-to-contact.pdf>

## IMPORTANT DATES

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### A&A CHECKLIST

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Scheduled OAKS Portal Downtime Cancelled

The OAKS Portal downtime scheduled for Friday, August 18 at 5:00 pm PT – Sunday, August 20 at 7:00 pm PT has been cancelled, as no maintenance is needed at this time. All Online Systems will be available through the weekend.

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### 2017-18 PSAT Bulk Registration Option

New this fall, the Oregon Department of Education will be allowing districts to participate in Bulk Registration for their sophomore PSAT/NMSQT test takers. Bulk Registration will allow districts to submit student information online and schools will receive printed pre-ID labels for student’s answer sheets. The benefits of Bulk Registration include:

- Improves data accuracy: Data submitted by districts is more accurate than student-provided data, making results more useful.
- Reduces billing discrepancies: Contract billing is based on grade level. Using district-submitted data eliminates the issues caused by students bubbling in the wrong grade or not bubbling in any grade.
- Saves time on test day: Bulk Registration reduces the time students spend filling out registration information on test day, allowing them to focus on the test.

DTCs should have received an email from The College Board on August 11 with their district’s Bulk Registration access code and the instructions. Bulk Registration opened on Monday, August 14 and closes approximately three weeks before each district’s test date. Here are the deadlines:

	Submit your file by...	...to receive labels by
PSAT/NMSQT	8/31/2017	9/13/2017
	9/14/2017	9/26/2017
	9/21/2017	10/3/2017

More information about submitting the data files and details about Bulk registration can be found on College Board’s [Bulk Registration](#) webpage. If you have any further questions about PSAT ordering or Bulk Registration in Oregon, please contact [Karly Nelson-Aparicio](#).

## KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

### REMINDER: 2017 -2018 Kindergarten Assessment Data Collection Trainings

To attend one of the following Kindergarten Assessment Data Collection trainings, click on the [GoToWebinar registration link](#).

- **Tuesday, August 22, 2017 from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM PDT**
- **Thursday, September 28, 2017 from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM PDT**

The training will be a quick overview of [Module 4 – Data Collection](#) and a question and answer opportunity. The same PowerPoint will be shared during both webinars training sessions. To view, download, or print the PowerPoint for this presentation please go to the [District Video Training site](#). The PowerPoint will be posted and available to view approximately 24 hours prior to the training.

For further questions related to the training please contact your [Regional ESD Partners](#).

## ACCESSIBILITY SUPPORTS

### Oregon Accessibility Manual

The 2017-18 Oregon Accessibility Manual will be posted on September 1. You will find it on the [Test Administration](#) webpage as well as the [Test Administration Resources](#) webpage. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Brad Lenhardt at [Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us](mailto:Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us).

## ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

### REMINDER: Student Enrollment, Student Mobility, and Not Chronically Absent Validations Closing

These three validations will close on **August 18**. All three are based on data from Third Period Cumulative ADM. Absolutely **no changes will be permitted after August 18** to this collection, so please be sure to complete any necessary corrections before this deadline. Finalized data from these validations will appear on this year's school and district report cards, and in standalone reports.

If you have questions about accessing the validations, which are located in the Achievement Data Insight application, please refer to the [video training](#) on June 1. If you do not have permission to view any of these validations, please contact your [DSA](#). If you have other questions, please contact your [ESD partners](#) or use the "Ask A Question" feature in the validation to contact the appropriate data owner.

### Student Centered Staging and Third Period Cumulative ADM to Close for Final 2016-17 Processing

Student Centered Staging will be closed for editing 2016-17 test records on **August 18 at 5 PM** for final report processing. Secure Assessment Reports for 2016-17 will also be unavailable during this time.

Third Period Cumulative ADM will close on **August 18 at 11:59 PM** for final Report Card processing.  
**No changes will be allowed after this date.**

Secure Assessment Reports and Student Centered Staging 2016-17 records will re-open by 9 AM on **Tuesday, August 22**. 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](#).

## REMINDER: Assessment Validations Closing on August 18, 2017

The Assessment validations will close on **August 18**, 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 need to make corrections. All of these validations are located in the [Achievement Data Insight](#) (ADI) Application.

- English Language Arts Student Performance
- Mathematics Student Performance
- Science Student Performance

These validations contain data that will appear on the school and district report cards, 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 [Video Training - 2016-2017](#) webpage.

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

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Answers to Common Questions from the Field

**QUESTION:** I have student whose primary language is Russian. What do I need to do in order to give the directions for the Kindergarten Assessment in Russian or any other language than Spanish?

**ANSWER:**

- 1) Identify students that will be receiving instructions in a language other than English;
- 2) Make arrangements to secure a bilingual assessor who is endorsed by the district to administer the student directions in languages other than English;
- 3) Ensure that assessor directions are translated, verbatim, into languages other than Spanish, as needed.