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### 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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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Chromebook Support

As stated in the [Operating System Support Plan](#), Chromebooks used for testing during the 2017-18 school year must be updated to Chrome OS version 60 or above. Schools that use Chromebooks for assessment should confirm that their devices are included on Google's current support list for the coming school year. As stated on the Google Support website: "Chrome devices and Android tablets for education receive automatic updates regularly that enhance both the device itself and the software on the device. However, advances in hardware and technology eventually make devices out-of-date; and as time goes by, we cannot indefinitely ensure that older Chrome devices will receive updates to leverage new OS features or that older tablets will continue to support device setup or the ability to receive content from Google Play for Education." Please refer to the list of Google-Approved Chrome Devices to ensure that the hardware you plan to use for testing in the 2017-18 school year is supported, and can be updated to Chrome 60+. Please review the [list of supported devices](#).

### Android Secure Browser Available September 15

The mobile Secure Browser for Android tablets is now expected to be available in the app store by **September 15**. The Android version of the mobile Secure Browser was prioritized for release after the other versions (Windows and OS X, Chrome OS, and iOS) due to low usage in Oregon and in other states where it is used. However, AIR is committed to making the Android version available to those schools that use Android devices for student testing. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the later release date.

### ELPA21 on Acer 13 Chromebook

AIR has identified an issue with voice recording with Chrome version 60+ on **Acer Chromebook 13** (CB5-311). Thus, Acer Chromebook 13 cannot be used for the speaking segment of ELPA21 tests which require voice recording in 2017-18. Acer Chromebooks 13 with Chrome 60+ may be used for all other assessments: Smarter Balanced ELA and Math and OAKS Science and Social Sciences, and Segment 1 of ELPA21 (listening, reading, and writing). The [Operating System Support Plan](#) for 2017-18 has been updated to include this restriction.

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

#### Oregon Extended Assessment: ESSA Participation Requirement

In 2015, with the reauthorization of ESEA as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the requirement changed for the alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards—AA-AAAS (hereafter referred to as the alternate assessment because all other alternate assessments were eliminated by the law). ESSA reaffirmed that the alternate assessment is an appropriate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills, **but rather than placing a cap on accountability proficiency rates for the alternate assessment, ESSA places a 1% cap on participation in the assessment.** For additional information regarding this new regulation and strategies to assist in meeting this 1% state-level cap, please see "[Strategies for Meeting the 1% State-level Cap on Participation in the Alternate Assessment](#)" (under Training section) or contact Brad Lenhardt at [Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us](mailto:Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us).

#### Oregon Extended Assessment Guidance

In light of the new ESSA participation requirement related to the alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards (AA-AAAS) or Oregon's Extended Assessment, ODE recommends IEP teams review the current guidance on the selection process used by IEP teams in determining whether a student should take the Oregon Extended Assessment. This guidance takes into account the current policies regarding the new Smarter Balanced Assessment and the focus on Oregon's assessments appropriately measuring the student populations they were designed to measure. For additional information, contact [Brad Lenhardt](#).

#### Oregon Extended Assessment Administration Manual

The [2017-18 Oregon Extended Assessment Administration Manual](#) is now posted on the ODE's Statewide Alternate (Extended) Assessment webpage. This manual is intended for educators and parents who are interested in a general overview of the Oregon's Extended Assessments - including a description of its architecture (organization and format as well as a review of decision-making for implementation), general administration (including the new tablet administration and system requirements), and scoring procedures. For additional information, contact [Brad Lenhardt](#).

#### Oregon Extended Assessment: Braille and Large Print Order Form

Please use the [Braille and Large Print Order Form](#) when ordering Braille or Large Print Extended Assessments. This order form will only be processed if it is submitted and signed by the District Test Coordinator during the appropriate order window listed below. Return completed forms to [Carol.Phipps@wesd.org](mailto:Carol.Phipps@wesd.org) or fax to 503-385-4716. **Order Window: November 13, 2017 to January 12, 2018!** For additional information, contact [Brad Lenhardt](#).

## ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

#### Deadline to request 16-17 Report Card Institution Changes is September 15, 2017

The deadline to request institution changes for the 16-17 Report Card is **September 15**. All Institution Change requests can be submitted to the [ODE Institutions Request Inbox](#) ([ode.institutions-request@ode.state.or.us](mailto:ode.institutions-request@ode.state.or.us)). For principal, superintendent, or other directory listed staff updates, please send an email to the Institution Request Inbox that includes the new staff's name, position, email address, phone number, and the Institution ID where the staff person is employed. All other institution change requests require an [Institution Request Form](#) to be submitted. Additionally, most institution change requests require supporting documents to be submitted. Refer to the Institution Request Form for details on institution request requirements. If you have questions, please contact the [ODE Institutions Request Inbox](#) or Elyse Bean at 503-947-5831.