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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Understanding a Balanced Assessment System Webinar Session

As part of the Oregon Statewide Summative Assessment: Interim Assessment Series, ODE will host its first of several webinar sessions on **Thursday, September 3, 2020, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.** In Session 1 - Understanding a Balanced Assessment System: Participants will build assessment literacy to improve instructional practices by connecting formative assessment practices, interim assessments, and summative assessments to continually improve access and outcomes for each and every learner in their care.

Additionally, participants will learn about the different components of a balanced assessment system, identify the different uses and purposes of each part of the balanced assessment system, and, make connections to local instructional practice implications.

Participants can [register](#) directly and will receive one PDU from ODE after the session has been completed.

### ODE's Fall Calendar for the Interim Assessment Webinar Series

For the first time, Oregon educators and students have access to a statewide interim assessment system to support student learning and instruction. Oregon's interim assessment system provides educators with flexible and remote administration options, as well as the full suite of designated supports and accommodations, to support students. In addition to supporting instructional practices, the Interim Assessment System provides the opportunity for educators to elicit evidence of student learning, provide actionable feedback, and adjust instruction accordingly.

The Oregon Department of Education will offer multiple sessions for educators to build their knowledge of the Interim Assessment System. After completing each session ODE will provide educators with PDUs for their participation.

To view specific dates and register for upcoming sessions, refer to the [ODE Interim Assessment Series Informational Flyer](#). For additional information on all of the sessions included in this series,

please refer to the [Overview of the Oregon Statewide Summative Assessment: Interim Assessment Series PowerPoint](#) or contact [Tony Bertrand](#), ELA Assessment Specialist.

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### Nationally-Normed College Entrance Practice Examination Update

[ORS 329.488](#) directs ODE to provide a statewide opportunity for Oregon’s 10<sup>th</sup> graders to access a nationally-normed college entrance practice exam. In previous years, ODE has contracted with the College Board for the PSAT administration; however, ODE’s contract with the College Board expired on June 30, 2020 and cannot be renewed. Consistent with state procurement requirements, ODE is therefore in the process of developing a Request for Proposals (RFP) that will result in a new contract. The process will be open and competitive and will take several months to complete. The terms set forth will require that test administration, including the date/time in which the assessment is provided in Oregon, will be defined by ODE to help ensure, to the degree that it is feasible, that all students can access this opportunity if they choose. There are many unanswered questions surrounding timelines, the possibility of in-person testing, remote testing, etc., that currently prevent ODE from sharing concrete information about administration of this opportunity for the 2020-21 school year.

Please contact [Dan Farley](#), Director of Assessment, with any questions, recommendations, or concerns.

### OSAS ELA and Mathematics Blueprint Changes for 2020 - 2021 **REPEAT**

Pursuant to state assessment requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act ([Section 1111\(b\)\(2\)](#)), the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) plans to implement a statewide summative assessment system in 2020-21. ODE will continue to monitor the feasibility of implementation for our statewide assessments, in consultation with education and community partners, state and national measurement experts, and any guidance from the USDOE as it becomes available.

ODE is implementing test blueprint changes for 2020-21 for our ELA and Mathematics summative assessments. In both ELA and Mathematics, ODE will remove the “performance task” segments from the administration blueprints. For specific information and a comparison of blueprint changes please refer to the [Oregon Statewide Assessment System 2020 – 2021 ELA Blueprint Summary Update](#) or the [Oregon Statewide Assessment System 2020 – 2021 Mathematics Blueprint Summary Update](#). ODE will revisit changes to the ELA and Mathematics blueprints after the instructional year. It is possible that performance tasks may be incorporated in future test blueprints.

## SCIENCE

### 2020-2021 Science Interim Assessments **REPEAT**

Science Interim Assessments are now available for purchase for the 2020-2021 school year. Purchases can be made by district, or for specific schools within a district. The Science Interim Assessments are aligned to the NGSS Science content standards and include the full array of accessibility resources used for the OSAS Science Assessment, including TTS, Spanish translation, and Braille. For more information about the Science Interim Assessments, please refer to the [Science Interim Assessments Information Sheet](#).

The Science Interim Assessments are offered at \$4.95 per enrolled students in grades 5, 8, and 11. Students in grades 3 through high school are permitted to utilize the assessment bank as deemed appropriate by the school and educator.

Districts or schools interested in purchasing the Science Interim Assessments for 2020-2021, please contact [Margaux Nielsen](#) or [Noelle Gorbett](#) for additional information or questions.

## ACCOUNTABILITY AND REPORTING

### **Ninth Grade On-Track Collection Review Opens August 27, 2020**

The Ninth Grade On-Track Collection will re-open today, August 27, and will close at **11:59 PM on September 4**. During this time, please log in to submit any Ninth Graders from the 2019-20 school year who became on-track during the summer (on or before August 31, 2020) and have not yet been submitted into the collection. **No changes will be allowed in this collection after Friday, September 4**. More information can be found on the [Ninth Grade On-Track Schedule of Due Dates page](#). If you have questions, please contact [Ryan Clark](#) or your [Regional ESD Partner](#).