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IMPORTANT DATES

For the weeks and months ahead

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TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA21

ELPA21 Braille Form Order Window Now Open

The English Language Proficiency Assessment for the 21st Century (ELPA21) is available in a paper/pencil Braille format. To order, District Test Coordinators should complete the [2017-18 Braille Order Form](#) and submit it by **October 3, 2017**.

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

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Updated Official Writing Scoring Guide

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the updated [Official Writing Scoring Guide](#) aligned to the Oregon Common Core State Standards is the only scoring guide approved to score work samples for demonstrating proficiency in the [Essential Skill of writing](#).

Note - There are two versions of the updated Official Writing Scoring Guide:

- Narrative writing (personal or fictional)
- Informative, Explanatory, Argumentative, and Research writing

ODE recommends that the Official Writing Scoring Guide be used as a teaching and assessment tool across content areas, and at all grade levels. ODE also recommends that the Official Writing Scoring Guide be used in 3-8 classrooms to score work samples for fulfilling the [Local Performance Assessment](#) requirement, as well as other writing assessments. Visit the [ELA Assessment Homepage](#) to access resources.

For additional support, please contact Tony Bertrand at tony.bertrand@state.or.us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: The access code I received for PSAT Bulk Registration is not working. Who do I contact?

ANSWER: Please contact Oregon's College Board representative, [Karly Nelson-Aparicio](#) for assistance.