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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming TIDE Downtime

The Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) will be offline from **Friday, October 18 at 5 p.m. PT to Sunday, October 20 at 7 p.m. PT** to deploy new features and fix existing bugs. A list of the new features will be posted on the [OSAS Portal](#) on Monday, October 7.

“Smarter Content Explorer” Now Available

The new [Smarter Content Explorer](#) website is now available. With the Smarter Content Explorer, educators can:

- support instruction by better understanding the ELA and Math claims and targets at each grade level,
- find evidence statements for each target and standard,
- interact with sample items and task models to help plan activities aligned to grade-level claims and targets,
- explore the range of knowledge and skills for college and career readiness, and
- learn about test development with resources like blueprints and scoring rubrics.

Please see the [Smarter Content Explorer flier](#) for more information and as a quick-reference guide for educators. For questions, please contact ELA and Social Sciences Assessment Specialist [Tony Bertrand](#) at 503-947-5830 or Mathematics Assessment Specialist [Andrew Byerley](#) at 503-947-5832.

Coming Soon: 2019-20 DTC Training Materials

By close of business **Friday, September 27** ODE will post the following annual test security and administration training materials for District Test Coordinators (DTCs) to access:

- 2019-20 ODE-provided recorded [training modules](#) (DTCs must view independently by **November 2, 2019**);
- ODE-provided training survey (DTCs must submit by **November 1, 2019**); and
- 2019-20 [Test Administration Manual](#)

In addition, the [ELPA Screener Manual](#), [Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual](#), [Kindergarten Assessment Manual](#), and [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#), which are required reading for DTCs, are currently available through ODE's website.

REMINDER: Registration Deadline for November DTC Trainings

The required 2019-20 District Test Coordinator Training will be held on the following dates (all times PDT):

- **November 5, 2019** from 3 - 4:30 p.m.
- **November 6, 2019** from 9 - 10:30 a.m.
- **November 7, 2019** from 3:45 - 5:15 p.m.

The deadline to [register](#) for one of these scheduled ODE-facilitated Webinar sessions is **October 11, 2019**. DTCs who are unable to participate in one of these ODE-facilitated WebEx sessions must notify their [Regional ESD Partner](#) by **November 1, 2019**.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Reminder: 2019-20 Oregon 1% Cap Reporting Requirements

This is a reminder that all districts are required to submit Section 1 of the 1% Participation Cap report using the online survey tool we've provided by **October 1, 2019**. Additional timelines and reporting requirements for those who project to exceed the 1% Participation Cap are included in the materials provided below. The FAQ document should be a particularly valuable document to address whatever questions you have. Materials from the 2019-20 Oregon 1% Cap Reporting Requirements Update webinar are posted on ODE's Oregon Extended Assessment ([ORExt](#)) [webpage](#) under the "Policies" drop down, including the following:

- [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\): 1% Participation Cap PowerPoint](#)
- [Oregon District's 1% Participation Assurance and Justification Guiding Questions](#)
- [1% Participation Requirement Recording](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions – 1% Participation Cap Reporting](#)

If you have questions, please contact Assessment Director [Dan Farley](#) at 503-947-5721.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting 18-19 Training: October 3

The ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting training for the 18-19 school year is scheduled for **Thursday, October 3 at 2 PM**. This is the first part of a two-part training series on the 18-19 [NCES Dropout](#) and [Cohort Graduation rate](#) validations, which will open on **Thursday, October 24** in the [Achievement Data Insight](#). [Part one](#) will focus on the Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment process and also cover an overview of the NCES Dropout and Cohort Graduation validations. [Part two](#) of this training is scheduled for **Thursday, October 17 at 2 PM** and will go into detail about these validations. To register for these trainings, please log into the ODE District Site's [Video Training Page](#) and click on the link associated with the trainings. If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Beth Blumenstein](#) at 503-947-5767.

First Period Cumulative Average Daily Membership (ADM) Collection Window Opens September 26 **REPEAT**

The collection window for First Period Cumulative ADM opens **September 26 at 1 p.m.** First Period Cumulative ADM is the submission of ADM records for the period of July 1, 2019 to October 1, 2019. You can find information about the First Period Cumulative ADM collection on the [ADM Resources Page](#) and in the [web training](#) from September 19. If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partners](#) or [Amanda Leopard](#) at 503-947-5674.