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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming System Downtime

This is a reminder of the upcoming scheduled system downtime for TIDE, TDS, and ORS. The all-system downtime is scheduled from **Friday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m. PT to Sunday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. PT**. The full list of [Scheduled Downtimes](#) is available on the [OSAS Portal](#).

### “Smarter Content Explorer” Now Available **REPEAT**

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.

### 2019-20 30-Day Notice and Opt-Out Form Now Available

The 2019-20 combined 30-day notice and opt-out form for the statewide English language arts and Mathematics assessments is now available on the [ODE website](#). School districts and public charter schools must use this 30-day notice and opt-out form provided by ODE to communicate with all parents about state testing requirements and their right to opt-out by **December 6, 2019**. Districts may communicate with parents using existing communication protocols, including but not limited to fall registration materials, parent conferences, electronic media, or letters home. For additional guidance around appropriate communication approaches, please refer to Section 5.3 of the Test Administration Manual.

## Reminder: Annual DTC Training Requirements **REPEAT**

This is a reminder that District Test Coordinators (DTCs) must participate in the annual test security and administration training provided by ODE. *DTCs who do not participate in annual test security and administration training **will have their current access to the OSAS system revoked** after the final ODE-facilitated webinar and may not receive important updates sent to the DTC listserv thereafter.* For more information, please see the “Reminder: Annual DTC Training Requirements” article posted in the [September 26 A&A Update](#).

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### ELPA

#### Braille ELPA Summative Order Window Closed

The window to order the Braille version of the 2019-20 ELPA Summative has closed as of October 1. Any districts who meant to place an order should immediately contact [Renée LeDoux](#) at 503-947-2524 by close of business **Friday, October 4, 2019**.

## ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

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

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.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Answers to Common Questions from the Field

**QUESTION:** I have students who are not appearing in TIDE. Why?

**ANSWER:** In order for a student to appear in TIDE for this school year, the student’s SSID must have been updated **after August 26, 2019** in ODE’s SSID system. If you have a student who is a resident student in your district and does not appear in TIDE, please update the SSID record in the SSID system, and the student should appear in TIDE within two days.

To see a list of all students in your institution that have been loaded into TIDE:

- Log into TIDE and under “Preparing for Testing” select “Student Information” and then “View/Edit/Export Students”;
- Enter in your search criteria and click Search;
- Select the checkbox on the top left of the results;
- Click the button to export the data into an Excel or CSV file (keep in mind that only the top 1000 records will appear in a search, and the students in TIDE include all students in grades K-12).

For school districts that typically update all SSIDs only one time at the beginning of the school year, submitters will need to update the SSIDs again if they were updated prior to August 26.

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