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Who To Contact at ODE

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

2018-2019 TIDE is Now Open

TIDE is now available for 2018-2019 users.

As DTCs complete their 2018-2019 training requirements, they can then add other district-level and school-level users to TIDE, and both district-level and school-level users can begin updating student test settings. The [2018-19 TIDE User Guide](#) has been posted to the [Test Administration](#) webpage on the ODE website to provide further information about TIDE.

At the time of deployment, there are two features in TIDE which are not yet available:

- The Test Windows features is not yet available for summative ELA and Math assessments.
- Some of the columns in Student search results are categorized incorrectly under Embedded Accommodations and Embedded Designated Supports.

Both of these features will become available by the end of October. An announcement will be posted once these issues are fixed.

2018-19 30-Day Notice and Opt-Out Form Now Available

The 2018-19 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 9, 2018**. 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 [August 9 A&A Update](#).

College Board: PSAT and Gender Field Suppression

The following article was supplied by the College Board:

The College Board is committed to supporting all students, families, schools, and communities that participate in our programs. With that in mind, the College Board plans its operational calendar many months in advance; accordingly, our forms and materials for assessments administered in the 2018-19 school year were finalized many months ago and cannot be updated for the current school year.

- The College Board is aware of the new requirements to provide additional options for student gender reporting, and is committed to working with the Oregon Department of Education, students, families, and schools to ensure that our materials are fully compliant with Oregon state law for the 2019-20 school year.
- School sites administering the PSAT/NMSQT® this fall should provide the following additional instruction to students: ***If you do not want to provide your gender identification to the College Board, do not respond to the request for gender identification.***
- If districts opt to participate in bulk registration, gender is a required field for upload. Districts are handling this in a variety of ways. One approach would be to not include any student records when the student’s reported gender does not match their self-identified gender. On the day of testing, students can opt to identify their gender or not. Another option is to include all students on the bulk upload with reported gender, and on the day of testing, the student can opt to use the label or not.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karly Nelson-Aparicio at knelson-aporicio@collegeboard.org.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

ELPA

Braille ELPA Summative Order Window Closed

The window to order the Braille version of the 2018-19 ELPA Summative has closed as of October 2. Any districts who meant to place an order should immediately contact Renée LeDoux at renee.ledoux@state.or.us or 503-947-2524 by close of business **Friday, October 5, 2018**.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting Training: Wednesday, October 10

The [Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting training](#) is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 10 at 2 PM**. Please register for this training at the [2018-19 Video Training site](#). If you are responsible for the Cumulative ADM collections or Graduation/Dropout reporting for your district/school, please attend this training. If you are unable to attend, a recording of this training will be posted at the [2018-19 Video Training site](#) about a week after the training date.

The Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment window will open on **Thursday, October 11 at 1 PM** and remain open through **November 30**. This is basically an extension of your 2017-18 Annual Cumulative ADM, but it only has a few editable fields. This training will also cover an overview of the Graduation/Dropout validations, and an additional, more detailed [training](#) will occur on **Thursday, October 25 at 2 PM**. Those responsible for reviewing Graduation/Dropout data should attend both trainings.

For questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or Beth Blumenstein at beth.blumenstein@state.or.us or 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 September 28, 2018** 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 September 28.

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