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### Who To Contact at ODE

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/aa-who-to-contact.pdf>

## IMPORTANT DATES

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Change in 2017-2018 TIDE Account Security

As previously reported on October 3, 2017, AIR is implementing new processes to manage account activation and password resets in the 2017-2018 testing year. The purpose of the changes is to better protect client data in the event of a cyber-attack. The document, [Fact Sheet: New TIDE Password Reset Policy](#), is available on oaksportal.org under Resources: Other and describes the new process in detail. For any questions about the new process please contact the [OAKS Help Desk](#).

### 2017-18 30-Day Notice and Opt-Out Form Now Available

The 2017-18 combined 30-day notice and opt-out form for the statewide math and English language arts 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 **January 6, 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.

### Logramos

ODE has completed the request for proposals process for a native Spanish-language literacy assessment. ODE will once again offer Logramos this year for two-way dual language programs, serving English learners.

If you have any questions, or if you are interested in participating in the native Spanish assessment, "Logramos," this year, please contact Kelly Slater at [kelly.slater@state.or.us](mailto:kelly.slater@state.or.us) or call 503-947-574.

### Panelists Needed: Kindergarten Assessment Advisory Panel **REPEAT**

This is a reminder that ODE is recruiting for the Kindergarten Assessment Advisory Panel. This panel will help ODE with future Kindergarten Assessments and help to develop resources for stakeholders. ODE is looking for experienced Kindergarten Teachers and Early Learning Providers who are familiar with Oregon's Kindergarten Assessment and Oregon's Early Learning and Kindergarten Standards. For more information, please see the "Panelists Needed: Kindergarten Assessment Advisory Panel" article posted in the [September 28 A&A Update](#).

For questions, please contact Holly Dalton at [holly.dalton@state.or.us](mailto:holly.dalton@state.or.us).

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

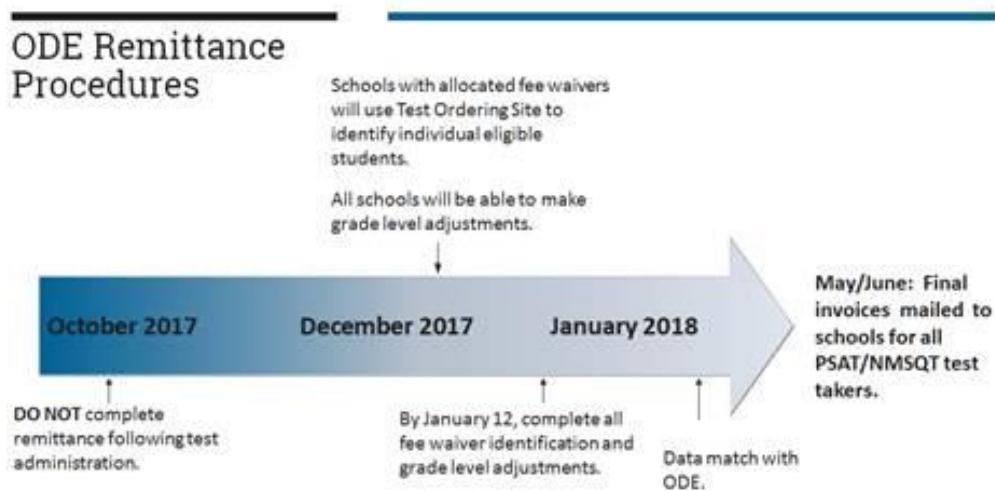
### PSAT Administration October Update

**Testing Materials:** Schools testing on October 11 and October 14 receive materials by October 4. For schools testing October 25, testing materials will be received by October 18.

**Training:** College Board offers [on-demand training](#) for PSAT coordinators.

**Remittance:** There have been some changes to the overall remittance process for PSAT (page 16 of the [Supervisor's Manual](#)), as well as some changes for those participating in the ODE PSAT contract for sophomores. Here is the new process and timeline:

- October 2017: Mail complete answer sheets. **DO NOT** complete remittance following test administration.
- December 2017: Schools with allocated fee waivers will use Test Ordering Site to identify individual eligible students. All schools will be able to make grade level adjustments.
- January 12, 2018: Deadline to complete all fee waiver identification and grade level adjustments.
- February-April 2018: ODE data match process.
- May 2018: Final invoices will be mailed to schools for all PSAT/NMSQT test takers.



\*\*\*Do not mail payment until you receive the mailed invoice from The College Board.\*\*\*

If you have any questions, please contact Karly Nelson-Aparicio at [knelson-aporicio@collegeboard.org](mailto:knelson-aporicio@collegeboard.org) or 541-705-5122.

## SMARTER BALANCED

### Streamlined Smarter Balanced Test Blueprints for 2017-18 at Grades 3-8 and High School

ODE has successfully worked with its test vendor, American Institutes for Research (AIR) and the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium to streamline the Smarter Balanced assessments Oregon students will take starting with the 2017-18 school year.

- In the ELA CAT, all brief write items are being replaced with equivalent machine scored items.
- While the ELA performance task will maintain the full write component, segment 1 will be reduced to one research item.
- In math, at grades 6-8 and high school the CAT will no longer include constructed response items. The math assessment at grades 3-5 will remain unchanged.

As a result of these changes, ODE anticipates testing time reductions of approximately 1 hour for ELA across all tested grades, as well as a slight reduction in testing time for Math. These proposed changes will not impact the validity or reliability of the assessment and will continue to allow ODE to provide the same level of reporting detail while reducing testing time.

For information on the estimated testing times please refer to Section 5.1 table 16 in the 2017-18 [Test Administration Manual](#). These changes are reflected in [Oregon's Smarter Balanced Blueprints](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Tony Bertrand [tony.bertrand@ode.state.or.us](mailto:tony.bertrand@ode.state.or.us) at or Bryan Toller [bryan.toller@ode.state.or.us](mailto:bryan.toller@ode.state.or.us).

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS

### Old WorkKeys (WorkKeys 1.0) Available for Short Period Beyond September 30

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission learned from ACT that access to the old WorkKeys (WorkKeys 1.0) will continue for a short period beyond September 30, which was the originally communicated end date. The exact end date for WorkKeys 1.0 is still to be determined; as long as WorkKeys 1.0 is offered by ACT, it can still be used for Essential Skills.

If you have any questions, please contact Cristen McLean at [cristen.mclean@ode.state.or.us](mailto:cristen.mclean@ode.state.or.us).

## ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

### Exit Adjustment Training October 12

A [web training](#) will be available at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 12 for the Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment 2016-17 collection. The Exit Adjustment Window will open at 1 p.m. the same day. Please note that Exit Adjustment is an opportunity to review and edit your Annual Cumulative ADM data submission, and is not a standalone collection.

If you are unable to attend this web training, it will be recorded, and the video should be available within a week of the training at the same web location listed above.

If you have any questions, please contact your [regional ESD partners](#) or Isabella Jacoby at [isabella.jacoby@ode.state.or.us](mailto:isabella.jacoby@ode.state.or.us).

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### Answers to Common Questions from the Field

**QUESTION:** May I exempt a student with disabilities from the Kindergarten Assessment?

**ANSWER:** No. According to OAR 581-022-2110, a public agency shall not exempt a student with a disability from participation in the Oregon State Assessment System or any district wide assessments to accommodate the student's disability unless the parent has requested such an exemption.