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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Manuals and DTC Training Materials Updated for 2023-24

A number of important resources and training materials have now been updated for 2023-24.

Found on the [Test Administration](#) page:

- Test Administration Manual (TAM)
- Oregon Accessibility Manual (OAM)
- Preliminary Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual

Found on the [Assessment Training Materials](#) page:

- DTC Training Modules (all required modules are now updated)
- DTC Fact Finder (**required for all DTCs to complete by November 7, 2023**)

Please contact the [ODE Assessment Team](#) with questions or concerns.

Important 2023-24 DTC Training Dates **REPEAT**

The annual training is required of both new and returning DTCs. You can find more information on training requirements in the Test Administration Manual Section 1.5.

Register below for one of three dates:

- [Tuesday, November 7, 2023 | 3:00-4:30 PM](#)
- [Wednesday, November 8, 2023 | 9:00-10:30 AM](#)
- [Thursday, November 9, 2023 | 3:45-5:15 PM](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Along with the DTC Training, all DTC's must complete the DTC Fact Finder by November 7. The Fact Finder is available at [this Google Form link](#).

Recruitment Open for Smarter Balanced Educator Committee Review **REPEAT**

Smarter Balanced is [recruiting](#) classroom educators and instructional coaches from Oregon to participate in two upcoming [Educator Committee Review panels](#). Selected educators will review English Language Arts (ELA) and Math items prior to field testing, including features such as alignment to standards and fairness and sensitivity concerns. Both panels will be **fully virtual**.

- Math Panel: November 13 - 17, 2023
- ELA Panel: November 15 - 17, 2023

Substitute teacher reimbursements will be provided. Please visit the [Smarter Balanced Recruitment website](#) for more information and [to apply](#).

For more information, contact [Tony Bertrand](#), ELA Assessment Specialist, or [Andrew Byerley](#), Math Assessment Specialist.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

2023-24 Qualified Trainer Webinar Training

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Behavioral Research & Teaching (BRT) will be providing two opportunities for required Oregon Extended Assessment (ORExt) Qualified Trainer (QT) Training. This training is required annually for school staff who will serve as a Qualified Trainer for the ORExt. District Test Coordinators may choose to attend this training for informational purposes.

School staff who will be QTs for the 2023-24 school year must register for **one** of the following training opportunities.

- Wednesday, November 29, 2023 | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM [Link to register](#)
- Thursday, February 1, 2023 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM [Link to register](#)

Contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) with questions about Qualified Trainer Training.

MATHEMATICS

Grade 11 OSAS Math Test Blueprint Now Published

Over the coming academic years, all OSAS Math Test blueprints will be aligned with the [2021 Oregon Math Standards](#). Due to the substantial nature of revisions to the high school math standards (i.e., 2+1 model), ODE has published a transitional Grade 11 [OSAS Math Test blueprint](#) for the 2023-24 that removes assessment targets and associated items from the item pool that no longer align with Oregon standards. There are no changes to OSAS Math Tests in Grade 3-8 in 2023-24. More details can be found in the accompanying [FAQ document](#) and on ODE's [Mathematics Assessment](#) webpage.

For more information, please contact [Andrew Byerley](#), Math Assessment Specialist.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting 2022-23, October 5

The 2022-23 ADM Exit Adjustment and Dropout Reporting web training is scheduled for **Thursday, October 5 at 2 p.m.** You can access the training through this [Zoom link](#). If you are unable to attend this training, it will be recorded, and the video will be posted to the same web location listed above.

Please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Paul Skomsvold](#) if you have questions.

Extended Assessment English Learner Codes Update

The Oregon Department of Education Accountability Team discovered that English Learner codes were not set properly for 2022-23 Extended Assessments. This issue has been resolved, and updated assessment data has now been posted in the [Achievement Data Insight Application](#). While only about 500 students were affected by this update, please be sure to also review your At-A-Glance Profiles and Accountability Details reports.

Please contact [Jon Wiens](#) if you have questions.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: When will the results from the 2022-23 administration of the Alt ELPA be available?

ANSWER: The State Board of Education is expected to vote on adopting cut scores and achievement level descriptors for the Alt ELPA at their October 19 meeting. Once the cut scores and achievement level descriptors are adopted, ODE can start the process of generating and delivering score reports to districts.