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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Windows 10, Version 1903 OS Now Supported for Online Testing

Devices running Windows 10, version 1903 operating system are now supported for secure online testing. For additional information about supported operating systems, please refer to the <u>Secure Browsers page</u> on the OSAS Portal.

Oregon Summative Science Scores Update

In our last A&A Update, we announced that unofficial science scores would be made available within the Online Reporting System by October 22, 2019, but we cannot meet this expectation. ODE is committed to ensuring that a substantial community engagement process occurs before our summative science scores are made public in any fashion. Oregon's historically underrepresented populations must have a voice in the process of defining science proficiency in Oregon and the scores cannot be published until fully-representative cut scores and achievement level descriptors, which help educators and partners interpret what the scores mean, have been established. A substantial community engagement process will take several months to implement and the work is underway. We must make space for the possibility that this engagement process may affect the cut score and achievement level recommendations provided by our initial standard setting panelists. We appreciate your understanding and patience while we work to improve. Please contact Noelle Gorbett, Science Assessment Specialist, or Dan Farley, Director of Assessment, if you have any questions or concerns.

Deadline for 2019-20 DTC Training Modules and Survey is November 1

As a reminder, to satisfy the 2019-20 District Test Coordinator (DTC) training requirements, all DTCs must:

- Review the <u>2019-20 Summative Assessment Training Modules</u> by November 1;
- Complete the 2019-20 Training Quiz by **November 1**; and
- Participate in one of the ODE-facilitated <u>Webinar sessions</u> scheduled for **November 5 - 7**.

If you have not already watched the training modules and submitted your survey response, please make time to complete these requirements by **November 2**. ODE will use the survey responses to track who has watched the required modules and to develop the curriculum for the ODE-facilitated Webinar sessions. For a detailed description of DTC training requirements, please refer to Section 1.5 Training Requirements of the Test Administration Manual.

Contact your Regional ESD Partner with questions.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

2019-20 Kindergarten Assessment Window Closing

The Kindergarten Assessment testing window closes **Thursday, October 17, 2019**. All assessments must be completed by that date. Districts have until **October 28, 2019** to submit their data electronically into Consolidated Collections. Districts have the option to either enter data for individual students or through a mass upload process. It is highly encouraged that districts securely retain assessment materials until after the consolidated collection review window closes on **December 2, 2019**.

For questions regarding policy and procedure, please contact Holly Dalton.

For questions regarding data submission, please contact Elyse Bean.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Graduation and Dropout Reporting Web Training: October 17

The Graduation and Dropout Reporting Web Training is scheduled for **Thursday, October 17 at 2 PM**. This is the second part of a two-part training series on the 18-19 <u>NCES Dropout</u> and <u>Cohort Graduation rate</u> validations, which will open on **Thursday, October 24** in the <u>Achievement Data Insight</u>. <u>Part one</u> was presented on October 3 and focused on the Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment process and also covered an overview of the NCES Dropout and Cohort Graduation validations. <u>Part two</u> of this training will go into detail about these validations. To register for this training or to watch the recording of the previous training, please log into the ODE District Site's <u>Video Training Page</u> and click on the link associated with the trainings. If you have any questions, please contact your <u>Regional ESD Partner</u> or <u>Beth Blumenstein</u> at 503-947-5767.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: If my students were enrolled on the last day of the Data Collection Period for First Period Cumulative ADM, what should their End Date be?

ANSWER: The End Date for all records should always be the week day following the last day of enrollment. For students enrolled on October 1, the last day of the First Period Cumulative ADM Data Collection Period, the End Date should be October 2. Failure to accurately report the End Date for students enrolled on October 1 will result in these students not being counted in the Fall Membership Snapshot Date counts and could affect other accountability reporting. If you are concerned that your End Dates may have been reported inaccurately, you can review your data by obtaining an Internal Production Download of your school or district's submitted data.