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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scheduled Maintenance Downtime Cancelled

The Online System downtime scheduled for Friday, October 20 at 5 p.m. PT through Sunday, October 22 at 7 p.m. PT has been cancelled, as no maintenance is needed at this time. All Online Systems will remain available through the weekend.

Upcoming System Deployment Downtime

TDS will be offline to deploy the 2017-18 practice tests from **Tuesday, October 24** at 6 a.m. PT through **Wednesday, November 1** at 6 a.m. PT. TIDE and ORS will remain available during this time.

TIDE will be offline for deployment of the 2017-18 version from **Friday, October 27** at 5 p.m. PT through **Tuesday, November 7** at 6 a.m. PT. TDS and ORS will remain available during this time.

The full list of Scheduled Downtime is available at oaksportal.org.

Android Secure Browser – Update

The 2017-2018 [Operating System Support Plan for Test Delivery System](#) stated that Android mobile devices would be supported for student testing in 2017-2018. However, as previously communicated, AIR has encountered an issue which prevents the Secure Browser from detecting and blocking other open apps. While AIR is continuing to work with Google and the Android device manufacturers to identify a solution to this important security issue, at this time ODE has decided to remove Android devices from the list of supported devices for student testing in 2017-2018. Once a solution is identified and deployed, Android devices will be added back into the Support Plan.

Android devices may be used for non-proctored practice tests, using Chrome or another supported web browser.

The Support Plan has been updated to reflect this change. We apologize for any inconvenience.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

CLOSING: Kindergarten Assessment Testing Window

The Kindergarten Assessment Testing Window Closes on **Thursday, October 19**. Districts must complete all Kindergarten Assessment administration by the end of the day on **Thursday, October 19**. Districts must submit all Kindergarten Assessment data by **Monday, October 30** to the Consolidated Collection application.

For questions related to the Kindergarten Assessment administration and data submission please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

Kindergarten Assessment and Oregon's Standard IEP Form

It has come to ODE's attention that that Oregon's Standard IEP form includes the option for students to be exempted from specific measures of the Kindergarten Assessment. Unfortunately, this is not consistent with administration policies and therefore, there is not an attempt/administrative code combination to address this scenario. If you encounter this situation when entering data, please use Attempt Code 'N' for "Not Attempted" with Administrative Code '7' for "Invalidated by ODE." ODE apologizes for this oversight and we are currently working to correct Oregon's Standard IEP form. This will resolve the issue for the 2018-19 Kindergarten Assessment Administration.

If you have any questions, please contact Holly Dalton at holly.dalton@state.or.us.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Student Language Writing Guides (Spanish Accessible)

To support educators and students, ODE has published Student Language Writing Guides aligned to the updated [Official Writing Scoring Guide](#). Student Language Guides are now available in both English and Spanish language versions in grades 3 - 5 and 6 - 8. ODE recommends these guides be used as teaching tools in the drafting of writing samples and when communicating student expectations.

The Official Writing Scoring Guide is the primary teaching tool at the High School level and the only approved accessibility support guide for work samples used for the purpose of demonstrating proficiency in the [Essential Skill of writing](#). Additionally, the Official Writing Scoring Guide remains the only scoring guide approved to score work samples for demonstrating proficiency in the [Essential Skill of writing](#).

For additional support, please contact Tony Bertrand at tony.bertrand@state.or.us.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Districts Must Distribute School Report Cards by January 15, 2018

Per OAR 581-022-1060, districts are required to make report cards available to the parent(s) or guardian(s) of each child enrolled in a public school in the school district by January 15. This may be done by: (a) Mailing a copy; (b) Electronically sending a copy; or (c) Providing a link to a state or district web site containing the reports and also making copies available in local schools, libraries, parents centers, community centers, or other public locations easily accessible to parents and others. Please see [Numbered Memo 013-2012-13](#) for more information.

Exit Adjustment Training Today @ 2 PM

A [web training](#) will be available today, October 12, at 2 p.m. for the Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment 2016-17 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 Partner](#) or Isabella Jacoby at isabella.jacoby@ode.state.or.us.

Regular Attenders (formerly Not Chronically Absent) Report to be Released October 19

To increase clarity, the “Not Chronically Absent” report has been renamed the “Regular Attenders” report. It will be released on **Thursday, October 19**, and will contain counts and rates of both regular attenders (defined as students who attended more than 90% of their enrolled days) and chronically absent students (defined as students who attended 90% or less of their enrolled days). These rates will sum to 100% for all rows. **Please remember that these data are embargoed until the public release.** The report will be posted on the [ODE website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Isabella Jacoby at isabella.jacoby@ode.state.or.us.

Class Size Report to be Released on October 17

The Class Size Report for the 2016-2017 school year will be available to the public for download as an Excel spreadsheet on **October 17, 2017**. This report and those reports from previous school years can be accessed on the [Class Size Report web page](#). Please remember that the 2016-2017 data are embargoed and may not be shared until the release date.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Stalcup at robin.stalcup@state.or.us.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: In the ELA CAT, all brief write items are being replaced with equivalent machine-scored items. Will Writing scores come solely from the Performance Task?

ANSWER: The Blueprint of the Oregon Smarter Balanced ELA assessment has been streamlined to eliminate brief write items; these items have been replaced with comparable machine-scored Claim 2 items. Therefore, Claim 2 Writing will continue following the distribution found in the [ELA Blueprint](#), which is a combination of targets from the ELA CAT items and the ELA PT.