



[A&A Update Webpage](#)

Thursday, October 26, 2017

## General Announcements

Test Administration

ELPA21

Extended Assessment

[Kindergarten Assessment](#)

Smarter Balanced

Science and Social Sciences

Accessibility Supports

Essential Skills

[Accountability & Reporting](#)

[Questions and Answers](#)

## CONTACTS

### Regional ESD Partners

<http://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/esdpartners.pdf>

### Who To Contact at ODE

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

## IMPORTANT DATES

For the weeks and months ahead

*Find all the Assessment & Accountability dates for the current school year in the*

## A&A CHECKLIST

**Would you like to receive our weekly newsletter in your inbox?**

**[Subscribe](#) now!**

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### System Downtimes - Reminder

As a reminder, TDS will be offline from October 24 through November 1 at 6 a.m. PT to deploy updates to the practice tests and TIDE will be offline from October 26 at 5 p.m. PT through November 7 at 6 a.m. PT to deploy the 2017-18 version of TIDE. In addition to these previously communicated downtimes, ORS will also be offline briefly on the evening of Friday, October 27 between 7–9 p.m. PT for system maintenance.

### Deadline for 2017-18 DTC Training Modules and Survey is November 1

As a reminder, to satisfy the 2017-18 District Test Coordinator (DTC) training requirements, all DTCs must:

- Watch the [2017-18 DTC training modules](#) by November 1;
- Complete the [2017-18 Training Survey](#) by November 1; and
- Participate in one of the ODE-facilitated [Webinar sessions](#) scheduled for November 7 – 9.

If you have not already watched the training modules and submitted your survey response, please make time to complete these requirements by November 1. 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 [TAM](#). Contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) with questions.

### Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Webinars

TIDE opens for the 2017-18 school year on Tuesday, November 7. The Oregon Department of Education and the American Institutes for Research (AIR) have scheduled two optional webinars:

- Tuesday, November 14 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. PT
- Thursday, November 16 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. PT

The same material will be covered in both trainings. While these webinars are open to any TIDE user role, you must [register](#) in advance if you want to attend a webinar. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about how to log into the webinar. Please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) with questions.

## COSA Statewide Early Learning Conference

The COSA Statewide Early Learning Conference will take place November 16 and 17 at the Sheraton by the Portland Airport. To register for the conference, please visit the [COSA Early Learning Conference Registration](#) webpage.

## TEST ADMINISTRATION

### KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT

#### **CLOSING: 2017-2018 Kindergarten Assessment Data Collection Window**

The Kindergarten Assessment Consolidated Collections Application (Approaches to Learning, Early Literacy, and Early Math) **will close Monday, October 30, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. PT.** All three collections must be submitted error-free by the **Monday, October 30** close date.

If you have any questions related to the Kindergarten Assessment Data Collection entry process please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).

## ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

#### **Graduation Cohort & NCES Dropout Report Training Today @ 2 p.m.**

A [web training](#) will be available today, October 26, at 2 p.m. for the 2016-17 Graduation Cohort 4-year and 5-year collection and the NCES Dropout Report collection. All three validations will open today at 1 p.m.

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:** If a student was not given the Kindergarten Assessment, do I need to report it as an impropriety?

**ANSWER:** No, this does not constitute an impropriety. Improprieties are behaviors prohibited during test administration, either because they give a student an unfair advantage or because they compromise the secure administration of the assessment.