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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD	
OCTOBER 6 – DECEMBER 6	ELPA21 Braille Order Window
OCTOBER 13 – NOVEMBER 21	Fall Collection Window for ESEA Title III: English Language Learners 2016-17
OCTOBER 13 – NOVEMBER 28	Collection Window for Cumulative ADM Exit Adjustment 2015-16
OCTOBER 13 – SEPT 15, 2017	Collection Window for IUID (Instructional Unit Identifier) 2016-17
OCTOBER 27 – DECEMBER 9	Report Validation Window for NCES Dropout, Graduation Cohort Reporting 2015-16
NOVEMBER 1 - 17	OAKS Extended Assessment Qualified Trainer Training
NOVEMBER 3 - 14	Data Collection Audit Review Window for First Period Cumulative ADM 2016-17
NOVEMBER 4	Deadline for completing required District Test Coordinator (DTC) Training Survey
NOVEMBER 8 - 10	Required 2016-17 DTC Training Webinars
NOVEMBER 11	ODE is closed for Veteran’s Day. NEW
NOVEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 5	Data Collection Audit Review Window for Kindergarten Assessment 2016-17 (Early Literacy, Early Math, Approaches to Learning) NEW
NOVEMBER 14 – JANUARY 13	OAKS Extended Assessment Braille and Large Print order window for English Language Arts, Mathematics, & Science NEW
NOVEMBER 17 – JANUARY 27	Report Validation Window for Fall Membership 2016-17 NEW
NOVEMBER 18	Deadline to submit completed fee-waiver rosters for PSAT/NMSQT® qualifying juniors NEW
NOVEMBER 18 - 20	OAKS Online Test Delivery System (including Practice Tests), TIDE, and Online Reporting System (ORS) offline for scheduled maintenance NEW
NOVEMBER 24 - 25	ODE is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday. NEW
NOVEMBER 30	Statewide Report Card posted on ODE public website NEW

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Test Administration

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2016-2017 Practice Tests Now Available

Updated Smarter Balanced Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA), ELPA 21, and OAKS Science and Social Sciences practice tests and an updated TA Training Site are now available. Practice tests can be accessed using [supported web browsers](#) or the Oregon Secure Browser. The 2016-2017 TA User Guide has also been posted in the [Resources](#) section of the OAKS Portal and on the ODE website.

These practice tests provide an opportunity for Oregon teachers and students to familiarize themselves with the navigation and functionality of the online tests, as well as with the embedded accessibility supports described in the [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#). The TA Interface has been updated this year to make it easier for test administrators to identify and select the tests they want to administer. All test administrators, including test administrators who have used the TA Interface in previous years, should practice setting up a test session using the updated TA Training Site prior to administering an operational test.

Smarter Balanced Mathematics and OAKS Science and Social Sciences tests include a different calculator than the one used in previous years. It is recommended that students use the practice tests to familiarize themselves with this new calculator. A [Calculator Manual](#) has been posted to the [Resources](#) section of the OAKS portal for further information.

PSAT Invoices

Thank you for your incredible work to support your students with the PSAT/NMSQT. As you complete the after test responsibilities including submitting a remittance form, please note that there has been an invoice process change, because of the ODE contract related to your sophomore PSAT/NMSQT test takers.

The College Board is working directly with ODE to analyze reported PSAT/NMSQT test volumes for all schools to accurately match contracted sophomore students. A student data matching process must be performed before College Board mails final invoices to schools for students not covered by the ODE.

Please note that after your PSAT/NMSQT remittance has been completed, the Test Ordering Site (TOS) will show your school's estimated billable amount for related charges not covered by the ODE. This amount may change slightly once the student data matching is completed.

No further action is needed by your school, after completing the initial PSAT/NMSQT remittance in TOS. Please wait for the final PSAT/NMSQT invoice mailed to your school no later than mid- June.

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■ EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Oregon's Observational Rating Assessment (ORora) Reports

The Oregon Observational Rating Assessment (ORora) Reports are now available on your district secure website. The ORora collects pre-academic performance and progress information for students with significant cognitive disabilities who are not able to access academic expectations defined by the Oregon Extended Assessment, including: attention, math concepts and receptive and expressive communication skills. To access your students' Oregon Observational Rating Assessment (ORora) Reports:

- Go to your district secure site (<https://district.ode.state.or.us/home/>) and the **Extended Assessment** on the Applications list (you will need permission to access this application from your [district's security administrator](#)).
- From the menu at the top of the Extended Assessment webpage, choose **Reports > Observational Rating Assessment**. This will return a list of the schools belonging to your school district, allowing you to filter the list down to a specific school. Below will be the list of all students who took the ORA in your school district. From that list, you can filter and sort by School Name, Grade, SSID, Last and First Name, and the Submitter or Assessor. **The last item is the button to generate the report.**

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Accessibility Supports

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Essential Skills

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No articles this week

Accountability Reporting

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No articles this week

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