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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Webinars **REPEAT**

This is a reminder that the Oregon Department of Education and the American Institutes for Research (AIR) have scheduled two optional webinars:

- [Tuesday, November 14](#) from 9 to 10 a.m. PT
- [Thursday, November 16](#) from 3 to 4 p.m. PT

For more information, please see the “Test Information Distribution Engine (TIDE) Webinars” article posted in the [October 26 A&A Update](#). Please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) with questions.

2017-2018 TIDE is Now Open

TIDE is now available for 2017-2018 users. As District Test Coordinators (DTCs) complete their 2017-2018 training requirements, their accounts will be activated. DTCs can then add other district-level and school-level users to TIDE, and both district-level and school-level users can begin updating student test settings. The [2017-2018 TIDE User Guide](#) has been posted in the [Resources](#) section of the OAKS Portal to provide further information about TIDE.

At the time of deployment, there are two issues in TIDE of which users should be aware:

- The Test Windows feature is currently unavailable for OAKS Science and Social Sciences.
- The student accessibility supports sections on the Student Search Results and Student Details Pages are currently listed out of order. The correct order of the accessibility supports should be: Embedded Designated Supports, Embedded Accommodations, and Test Access. While this issue does not affect TIDE functionality, it may cause some confusion in the field.

AIR is working on fixes for these issues and expects them to be resolved by **next Friday, November 17**. An announcement will be posted on the portal once these issues have been resolved. If you have any questions about 2017-2018 TIDE, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or the AIR helpdesk at oaks.helpdesk@air.org or 1-866-509-OAKS (6257).

TEST ADMINISTRATION

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

ESSA: AA-AAAS/“Extended Assessment” 1% Participation Cap

In 2015, Congress reauthorized ESEA as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). With this reauthorization, the requirement changed for the alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards - AA-AAAS, hereafter referred to as the alternate assessment because all other alternate assessments were eliminated by the law. ESSA reaffirmed that the alternate assessment is the appropriate assessment for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. However, rather than placing a cap on accountability proficiency rates for the alternate assessment as has been done in the past, ESSA places a 1% cap on **participation** in the assessment. It states that, for each subject, the total number of students assessed using the alternate assessment is not to exceed 1.0 percent of the total number of all students in the state who are assessed in each subject. **Additionally, it requires that local educational agencies exceeding the 1% cap shall submit information to the State educational agency justifying the need to exceed such cap.**

To assist LEAs in this reporting requirement, the Oregon Department of Education is exploring options for supporting districts in computing the 1% participation and, if projected to exceed the cap, the means for submitting information to the department with an explanation justifying the need to exceed the cap. We will send out notification ASAP once the submission method has been finalized and is in place.

For additional information and/or questions, contact Brad Lenhardt at Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Fall Membership Validation Opens November 9, 2017 **REPEAT**

This is a reminder that Fall Membership validation opens November 9 at 1 p.m. and will be open for review until **January 26, 2018**. For more information, please see the Fall Membership article posted in the [November 2 A&A Update](#). For questions please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#) or [Robin Stalcup](#).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: I have students who are not appearing in TIDE. Why?

ANSWER: In order for a student to appear in TIDE for this school year, the student’s SSID must have been updated **after September 29, 2017** in ODE’s SSID system. If you have a student who is a resident student in your district and does not appear in TIDE, please update the SSID record in the SSID system, and the student should appear in TIDE within two days.

To see a list of all students in your institution that have been loaded into TIDE:

- Log into TIDE and under “Preparing for Testing” select “Student Information” and then “View/Edit/Export Students”;
- Enter in your search criteria and click Search;
- Select the checkbox on the top left of the results;
- Click the button to export the data into an Excel or CSV file (keep in mind that only the top 1000 records will appear in a search, and the students in TIDE include all students in grades K-12).

For school districts that typically update all SSIDs only one time at the beginning of the school year, submitters will need to update the SSIDs again if they were updated prior to September 29.

If you have any further questions, please contact your [Regional ESD Partner](#).