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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

District Assessment Inventory Office Hours

ODE has scheduled "office hours" for the District Assessment Inventory (DAI) in the first half of December. District personnel may join DAI office hours to ask questions or receive technical assistance regarding the District Assessment Inventory. There is no need to register for DAI office hours; attendees may join or leave at any time using <u>this Zoom link</u>.

DAI office hours are scheduled for the following dates:

- Friday, December 1, 10-11:00 PT
- Friday, December 8, 10-11:00 PT
- Friday, December 15, 10-11:00 PT

A second series of DAI office hours will be scheduled in January 2024.

Districts who do not have a District Assessment Inventory Form need to <u>designate a point of contact</u>. *Only the District Test Coordinator* for a given district should designate a DAI point of contact.

As a reminder, the District Assessment Inventory must be completed by **5:00 pm January 26, 2024**.

Please contact the ODE DAI Team with questions or concerns.

TEST ADMINISTRATION

Minor TAM Update

The 2023-24 Test Administration Manual (TAM) has been updated with the following information:

- Information on the 2023-24 Crisis Alert process has been added as a new appendix (Appendix D).
- References to the SEED Survey Quick Guide have been replaced with references to the SEED Survey Administration Manual.
- Minor formatting changes and one typo correction.

There are no other changes to content.

Please contact the <u>ODE Assessment Team</u> with questions or concerns.

30-Day Notice and Opt-Out Forms for 2023-24

Per <u>ORS 329.479</u>, "At least 30 days prior to the administration of statewide summative assessments, a school district or public charter school must send to parents and adult students a notice about the statewide summative assessments." This statute also requires ODE to "establish a form to excuse a student from taking a statewide summative assessment." Based on the 2023-24 testing windows, districts and public charter schools must distribute the 30-Day Notice on or before the following dates:

- January 8, 2024 for Grade 11
- March 4, 2024 for grades 3-8

ODE has updated the combined 30-Day Notice and Opt-Out Forms in English, Spanish, and 12 additional languages for the 2023-24 academic year. All forms are published as both *fillable* and *non-fillable* PDFs within the "Forms" menu on the <u>Test Administration</u> page.

Please contact the <u>ODE Assessment Team</u> with any questions.