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Regional ESD Partners

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Who To Contact at ODE

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

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

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIDE Test Windows Module Now Available

The Test Windows module is now available in TIDE. Districts may set test windows for ELA, Math, Science, and Social Sciences. The Science Test Windows are available now, ahead of the schedule that was previously reported on November 14. If you have questions or need assistance setting test windows please contact your Regional ESD Partner or the OSAS Help Desk.

New Secure Browser for Mac OSX 10.13 (High Sierra) and 10.14 (Mojave)

AIR and ODE have announced support for Mac OSX 10.14 (Mojave) for secure testing. During testing, a security issue was found that requires a new version of the Secure Browser to be installed. All users who plan to test with Mac OSX 10.13+ are required to download and install the new version of the Secure Browser before administering any operational tests. Support for the current version of the Secure Browser will end on December 31, 2018 for machines running Mac OSX 10.13+. Beginning **January 1, 2019**, Mac OSX 10.13+ users will be required to use the new Secure Browser for all test administration. Districts running Mac OSX 10.12 and below may continue to use the current Secure Browser for secure testing for spring 2019. The new version of the Secure Browser is available on the Secure Browsers page of the OSAS portal.

Online Reporting System Webinars

To support users in the transition to the 2018-2019 Online Reporting System (ORS), ODE and AIR have scheduled two **optional** webinars focusing on how to use the newly-redesigned ORS:

- **Tuesday, January 22** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. PT
- **Thursday, January 24** 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 ORS 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.

PSAT Score Release Dates

- **Monday, Dec. 3**: Educators access PSAT/NMSQT scores in the K-12 score reporting portal.
- **December 10-12**: Students view their online score reports. See when scores are available in your state.
- **Mid-December**: All schools will receive one free paper score report per student and can print score reports and labels through the score reporting portal.

Here is how to access the K12 Scoring Portal for educators.

PSAT Educator Score Week: December 3-7

Please join College Board to learn how to best support your students with their PSAT scores.

- Learn how to maximize the K-12 score reporting portal with recorded webinars and downloadable resources.
- Short videos provide easy step-by-step instructions for accessing the portal, identifying your access manager, and more.
- Webinars walk you through understanding the reports that mean the most to counselors.
- Videos and student-facing resources help your students make the most of their scores.

For more information, please visit the College Board's For Counselors website.

PSAT Invoicing

There have been some changes to the overall invoicing process for PSAT (page 47 of the PSAT/NMSQT Coordinators Manual) as well as some changes for those participating in the ODE PSAT contract for sophomores. Here is the new process and timeline:

- **Starting December 3**: Schools can sign in to the test ordering site to review answer sheet counts, complete fee waiver rosters, and make grade-level adjustments.
- **January 11**: Deadline for identifying fee waiver-eligible students and making grade-level adjustments.
- **February - April 2019**: ODE data match process.
- **May 2019**: Final invoices will be mailed to schools for all PSAT/NMSQT test takers.

***Do not mail payment until you receive the mailed invoice from The College Board. ***

TEST ADMINISTRATION

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

Oregon Extended Assessment (ORExt): System Updates

The new **Monitoring** function for use by District Test Coordinators/Special Education Directors/Qualified Assessors (QAs)/Qualified Trainers (QTs) will be available **January 1, 2019**. And, the new **Rostering** function for QAs/QTs will be available **February 1, 2019** (two weeks prior to the opening of the ORExt administration window)—to ensure our ORExt system has the most up-to-date student information prior to testing.

For information regarding the new Monitoring function, DTCs and Special Education Directors will find the webinar (PPT and recording) posted under the Training section of the ODE's Statewide Alternate (Extended) Assessment webpage after December 7, 2018.

For additional information, contact Brad Lenhardt at 503-947-5755 or Brad.Lenhardt@state.or.us.

ESSA "1% Participation Requirement" REPEAT

With the reauthorization of ESEA as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) the requirement changed for the alternate assessment based on alternate academic achievement standards (e.g., Oregon's Extended Assessment): ESSA places a 1% cap on participation in the assessment. As a result, **local educational agencies/school districts exceeding the 1% cap are required to submit information to the State educational agency justifying the need to exceed such cap**.

To learn more about this requirement, district's 1% participation rate, and the online secure form for districts to use in submitting information to ODE (by 2.15.19) see the Policies section of the Statewide Alternate (Extended) Assessment webpage.

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

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Staff Position Collection: December 13, 2018 – January 28, 2019

The Staff Position Collection will open on **Thursday, December 13, 2018**, and will remain open until **Monday, January 28, 2019**. There was a training held on December 5, 2018, and a recording of that training will be posted shortly at the ODE's 2018-2019 Video Training website. Additional information regarding this collection can be found on last week's Assessment and Accountability Update, or by contacting your Regional ESD Partner or Ryan Clark at 503-947-5632.

Second Period Cumulative ADM Collection Window Opens December 13

The collection window for Second Period Cumulative ADM opens **December 13 at 1 p.m.** Second Period Cumulative ADM is the submission of ADM records for the period of July 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018. You can find information about the Second Period Cumulative ADM collection on the ADM Resources Page and in the web training from December 6. If you have any questions, please contact your Regional ESD Partner or Amanda Leopard at amanda.hiaasen@state.or.us or 503-947-5674.

GED Data Loaded into Graduation/Dropout Validations

ODE received GED completion data and has loaded these data into the 4 year Cohort, 5 year Cohort, and NCES Graduation/Dropout validations in the Achievement Data Insight (ADI). Even if you have already viewed these validations, please take a moment to review students who have been matched to these data as having received a GED. For questions, please contact your Regional ESD Partner or Beth Blumenstein at 503-947-5767.

Graduation and Dropout Validations Close Friday, December 7 REPEAT

The NCES Dropout and Graduation Rates validation and the 4 Year and 5 Year Cohort Graduation Rate validations will close on **Friday, December 7**. For more information, please see the *Graduation and Dropout Validations* article posted in the November 29 A&A Update.

For questions, please contact your Regional ESD Partner or Beth Blumenstein at 503-947-5767.

Second Period Cumulative ADM Web Training December 6 REPEAT

ODE will provide a web training on **Thursday, December 6 at 2 p.m.** for the 2018-19 Second Period Cumulative ADM collection. This training will cover the submission of Second Period Cumulative ADM records for the period of July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018.

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 Amanda Leopard at amanda.hiaasen@state.or.us or 503-947-5674.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: Why am I not seeing the changes I have made to my graduation data in my 4-Year Cohort Validation?

ANSWER: The 4 and 5 Year Cohort and the NCES Dropout validations do not refresh automatically when changes are made to the Cumulative ADM collections. Changes made by 5 PM on Tuesday, December 4 should show up in today's refresh of the validations after 1 PM. Any later changes will not show up until next week's refresh on Thursday, December 13 after 1 PM. If you did make changes before 5 PM on December 4 and are still not seeing these changes reflected in your validations, send an email to Beth Blumenstein or your Regional ESD Partner with the student's SSID number, expected outcome, and expected outcome date. They will look into the specific issue and why it might not be showing up correctly. (Note: Do not send any personally identifiable information through email.)