

## DTC Webinar: Q&A Session – January 13, 2021

### General

What is the estimated time to complete the shortened math/ELA assessments?

- Historically, math and ELA combined at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile have taken approximately 7½ hours to complete. The shortened test blueprints for ELA and math combined are approximately 2½ hours at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile. About an hour for math and about an hour and 15 minutes for ELA, so substantially reduced. The only reason that we are able to have such an efficient blueprint this year is because the U.S. Department of Education granted flexibility outside of the peer review requirements and expectations just for this year. This is not one that we will be able to carry out to 2022. The other iterations we're working on for 2022 will include some writing tasks; likely not the full write. Next year's will be a little bit longer than this year because we need to make sure we're sampling all of our standards in a substantial way.

### ELPA

Q: Please re-share the link sent out at the beginning of the meeting?

- Updated [ELPA Screener and Summative guidance](#).

Q: Can you define “remotely identified”?

- From the updated guidance: Students whose EL status is established solely through the Language Use Survey ... are referred to as being “remotely identified English learners” or having “presumptive” EL status.

Q: When does the ELPA Summative Window close?

- April 30. You can find the official test window dates in the [current test schedule](#).

Q: Please state the unique screener window dates again?

- From the updated guidance: Districts whose local contexts allow for unique screening will complete the process between the dates of May 3, 2021 and December 17, 2021.

### Student Survey

Q: Does a test session need to be running/open for students to take the SEEDS?

- I'm assuming that question means can a TA open a non-proctored session for students to take the survey, and the answer is yes. We are providing a way to open a non-proctored assignment. A TA will set a window and provide a URL where a student can take the survey.

Q: Where can I read up on the SEEDs Survey? I do not know much about it.

- We haven't published comprehensive information yet. We have guidance under

development and will push it out as soon as we can. Today's interaction was to give you as much information as we can. We are still developing training requirements.

Q: Concerning TTS on SEEDS: safe to assume the Spanish survey will have TTS in Spanish?

- Yes it will, for all students, so TAs won't have to assign it. It will be a universal support.

Q: How long will the window be?

- It doesn't have the same test window that we would expect from our ELA, Math, and Science assessments. It's been a process we've been working on for the last four months. The process to do it correctly and well on a short timeline didn't allow us to open it up earlier. At present, we are planning to open up the survey on April 13, 2021 - June 4, 2021. That will be part of our upcoming communication. More information pending as soon as we can get it out to you.

## **Waiver**

Q: Is the Extended assessment also included in the waiver?

- Yes.

Q: Are districts choosing not to even take them if we do not hear back on the waiver? And if so, any funding issues attached to not taking the assessments?

- If the state assessment and accountability waiver request we're submitting is approved, then the ELA, Math, and Science assessments will be waived for 2020-21. There will not be any expectations for districts to administer them, and they will not be available in our test delivery system. If the waiver is refused, then ODE will make the ELA, Math, and Science assessments available, and districts will be expected to administer them to all students who can participate in person, pursuant to all current health and safety protocols in place. Remote administration will not be made available this year. This also applies to the ELPA and all other assessments. The only opportunity would be in person this year, which puts restrictions on participation rates. The United States Department of Education has also made multiple pathways available to students this year to handle different kinds of concerns. There is a separate process that we will also be participating in with regard to the accountability expectations as well within ESSA. We're making a separate submission as a backup plan around all of the accountability expectations that we know aren't a good fit this year and have a very high probability of being accepted by the United States Department of Education. Participation rates, reporting requirements have a lot more flexibility. What's less clear is how they will respond to the assessment waiver request. That situation is unfolding. The participation decision lies with parents, families, and adults.

Q: So given that we likely won't get the waiver response until mid-February, we still

must distribute the opt-out form by 2/2/21?

- The timelines don't line up nicely and are beyond our control. The only thing we can offer to do is think through communications we could help work on to avoid as much confusion as possible. We'll reach out to figure out how to address and support you in those communication efforts.

Q: I just want to clarify that ELA, Math, Science and Extended are the only ones part of the waiver?

- Correct. Neither ELPA nor Social Sciences are included in the waiver request. Oregon's Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) currently includes summative assessments administered annually by subject matter and grade. Pursuant to federal and state accountability requirements, Oregon public schools test students in English language arts and math in grades 3 through 8 & 11 and science in grades 5, 8, & 11. Oregon's Statewide Social Sciences Assessment are administered as an optional assessments in elementary, middle school, and high school. Oregon public schools have the option of administering state, district, or locally developed social science analysis performance assessments.

Q: If the waiver is denied, and we are still in CDL for secondary, are we still expected to bring students in for testing?

- That is going to be something that we have to noodle on with you all and set up priorities. The most important aspect of that would be to not expose any students or staff to an unsafe or unhealthy situation. Participation expectations would be pending the conditions for a safe in person administration. We'll be working on guidance in that space; know that that will be our stance.

Q: To clarify could you re-state the last date of sending the opt-out letter AND the expected date of response for the waiver?

- The test window opens March 4, and the opt-out notice has to be sent out 30 days prior to that, which is February 2.