

April 10, 2019 DTC Webinar Topic submission

ELA & Mathematics

Q: Will we continue with the Smarter Balanced?

- Yes, Oregon will continue its partnership with the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium and continue to administer the **Oregon Summative Assessment for ELA and Mathematics** using the current blueprint designed by the Oregon Department of Education, Assessment Team.

Q: Will districts be able to test students as freshman and sophomores in at least ELA and Math areas starting next year?

- ODE is going to make a decision about whether to allow high school assessment, and what grades in which it is defensible, this summer. We'll engage stakeholders and leverage the data we have access to in order to arrive at a decision that will apply across all of our high school assessments. If early testing is allowed, we'll also engage stakeholders to develop the eligibility process for making the decision to allow early testing at the school level.

NGSS

Q: Have any schools tested the NGSS yet this year?

- Yes, schools have been testing since the opening of the OSAS Science Assessment testing window in February.

Q: What is the average test time?

- At this time a calculation of testing time is not yet available.

Q: Is there any early feedback for the NGSS?

- Not at this time.

Q: How many times are students allowed to take it in a school year?

- Students in 5th, 8th, and high school are permitted to take the OSAS Science Assessment once annually.

Q: Is there any feedback available from last year's pilot questions?

- Field test items performed as expected with most items moving from field testing to the operational pool.