

Oregon Statewide Assessment System 2020 – 2021 ELA Summary Update: Removal of Performance Task (PT) to a Shortened Computer Adaptive Test (CAT)

In the event that summative test administration is possible, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) is revising the summative assessment blueprint for the 2020-21 academic year. The primary purpose of these revisions is to account for the unique situation which has impacted Oregon educators, students, and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes will maximize instructional time for students and educators by reducing time required for summative assessments. The blueprint reduction does not significantly reduce the validity and reliability of student results.

Across all grade levels, most students can anticipate a reduction in overall testing time of 3 hours and 30 minutes, with the predicted to take about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

- The number of items on the 2020-21 Shortened ELA Summative Assessment Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) has been reduced by about 40%.

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Comparison between 2019-20 OSAS ELA Full Test Blueprint (CAT + PT) and 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint

Test Blueprints in ELA (Grades 3–5)

Claim	Content Category/Target	2019-20 OSAS ELA BP		2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT BP
		CAT	PT	CAT
	Total test items	36-39	2	22
1	Reading	14–16		8
2	Writing	6	1*	5
3	Listening	8–9		4
4	Research	8	1	5

Summary of changes:

- A. 2019-20 OSAS ELA PT removed from Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint
 - a. *Claim 1 Reading: Reduces number of passages per Content Category from 2 passage each for Literary and Informational Text to 1 passage each and reduces number of items to 4 items per passage in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - b. *Claim 2 Writing: 1 ELA PT (full write item) removed from 2019-20 OSAS ELA Blueprint and Target 9 Edit/Clarify reduced by 1 item in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - c. *Claim 3 Listening: Reduces Target 4 Listen/Interpret to 4 items in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - d. *Claim 4 Research: 1 ELA PT (machine scored or brief write item) removed from 2019-20 OSAS ELA Blueprint and reduces the number Research items from 8 items to 5 items in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*

* 2019-20 ELA PT accounted for 3 items (Organization/Purpose, Evidence/Elaboration, and Conventions)

Test Blueprints in ELA (*Grades 6–8 and High School*)

Claim	Content Category/Target	2019-20 OSAS ELA BP		2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT BP
		CAT	PT	CAT
	Total test items	36-39	2	24
1	Reading	14–16		10
2	Writing	6	1*	5
3	Listening	8–9		4
4	Research	8	1	5

Summary of changes:

- A. 2019-20 OSAS ELA PT removed from Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint
- a. *Claim 1 Reading: Reduces the total number of items to 10 items for reading per student in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - i. *Literary Text: No changes in the number of passages or items*
 - ii. *Informational Text: Reduces number of passages from 3 passage per student to 2 passage per student and reduces the total number of number of items from 12 total items to 6 items per student in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - b. *Claim 2 Writing: 1 ELA PT (full write item) removed from 2019-20 OSAS ELA Blueprint and Target 9 Edit/Clarify reduced by 1 item in 2020-21 Shortened ELA CAT Blueprint.*
 - c. *Claim 3 Listening: Reduces Target 4 Listen/Interpret to 4 items in 2020-21 ELA Shortened CAT Blueprint.*
 - d. *Claim 4 Research: 1 ELA PT (machine scored or brief write item) removed from 2019-20 OSAS ELA Blueprint and reduces the number Research items from 8 items to 5 items in 2020-21 ELA Shortened CAT Blueprint.*

* 2019-20 ELA PT accounted for 3 items (*Organization/Purpose, Evidence/Elaboration, and Conventions*)

Key:

- CAT = Computer Adaptive Test
- PT = Performance Task
- BP = Blueprint

Math Content Claims:

- Claim 1: Reading
- Claim 2: Writing
- Claim 3: Listening
- Claim 4: Research