

Informal DTC Webinar: Q&A Session – May 10, 2017

General Questions

Q: Could you review what the process is for transfer students that are mid-assessments?

- Once a student's SSID has been reassigned to your district in ODE's SSID system, then the student's test history should be available to the new district in the OAKS Portal within 48 hours. Your Regional ESD Partners can also look up the student's SSID to see if they have a test in progress in another district prior to the SSID's reassignment to your district.

Q: Will 11th grade students still participate in Science testing (OAKS)?

- Yes, 11th grade students still participate in Science testing (OAKS) in 17-18.

Q: Since we are only entering embedded accessibility supports in TIDE, are we required to enter the other non-embedded accessibility supports in SCS?

- For students on an IEP or 504 Plan, districts are required to submit whether the student received "None" or "One or more" accommodations. As described in Appendix B of the Test Administration, this accommodations flag may be set either in TIDE or through Student Centered Staging (depending on whether or not the student has completed testing).
- Separate from setting this flag, districts turn on embedded test settings (designated supports and accommodations) in TIDE. This is not for reporting purposes but is rather to activate the embedded test settings so that they are turned on when the student goes to take their test. Since non-embedded supports are administered by a human and not the online testing system, there is nothing to "turn on" in TIDE for non-embedded supports.

Smarter Balanced Questions

Q: If a student finished a Performance Task, but did not hit submit and started the CAT portion of the test, is this a testing impropriety because the computer shows he finished his CAT before his PT?

- No, students can have multiple parts of the assessment open at the same time and it is not considered an impropriety. It is a recommendation for certain portions to be completed before others, but that is only a recommendation and does not constitute an impropriety.

Q: Is there a plan to shorten the current Smarter Balanced tests for all grades for the 17-18 school year?

- We are currently working with both AIR and Smarter Balanced to try to find efficiencies in the test in terms of how long it takes for a student to finish. As soon as we have concrete agreements, we will disseminate that information.

Q: How long after a student has submitted their CAT is the information available in the OAKS Portal reports?

- Summary reports (in regard to testing progress) are typically updated on an ongoing basis. We have seen them updated almost immediately, but sometimes during the testing window when there is a heavy load on the system there can be a delay of about 30-45 minutes.