

DTC Webinar Q&A – {Jan 8, 2025}

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Accessibility

1. Can the mouse pointer and color choices be disabled for students who may find them distracting?
 - a. Dynamic color choices can be disabled in the TA interface prior to a testing session. The mouse pointer can not be changed within a test session once the student has completed the login process.
2. If a student pauses the test and begins a new session, will they be able to change the mouse pointer selection?
 - a. Student-selected settings will not persist across test sessions. When a new session is started, mouse pointer and color choices will revert to whatever is set in TIDE or the TA interface.
3. Does the new Tool Strips presentation style appear in Sample Tests?
 - a. Yes. However, text-to-speech (TTS) or American Sign Language (ASL) must be enabled for their respective icons to appear.
4. Do Tool Strips change anything about the way TTS functions? For example, will TTS now read everything on the page, or will students have the capability to start and stop the text as needed to only read what is necessary?
 - a. There is no change in function. Tool Strips merely moves the icon from its old location (in the Context Menu) to a new location (out in the open). Students are still able to select passages to read, make choices about which text selections are being read, re-read a previously read-aloud text selection, stop and start the text as needed etc.
5. Will TA training modules be updated to reflect accessibility changes such as Tool Strips?
 - a. Tool Strips are mentioned in the training modules as a heads up, but the training modules are not intended to serve as the only or even primary source of information on changes to specific system elements. Color choices and mouse pointer selection are explained in the [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#). The new TIDE settings for Word Prediction are not in the training modules, but ODE will communicate these in a future A&A Update as well as updates to the OAM.
6. Does Word Prediction with/without audio appear on all OSAS tests, or only some?

- a. Per the [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#), Word Prediction is an embedded accommodation on all tests except the Oregon Extended. The ELA CAT, Math CAT, and Science, no constructed response items, so for these tests Word Prediction is only available in the *digital notepad*.
- 7. When will new Word Prediction features appear on OSAS Tests?
 - a. The new Word Prediction features are live as of 1/14/2025. Consult the OAM for more information on Word Prediction.

ELTC

- 8. What is the current status of the ELTC? Is it required for all districts?
 - a. The Early Learning Transition Check-In (ELTC) remains a pilot and is not yet legislatively required. ODE encourages districts to become familiar with the ELTC by visiting ODE's [Community Informed Information Gathering Process at Kindergarten webpage](#). As districts read through the information, think about linking the ELTC to current initiatives that already exist in districts to support a child's transition into Kindergarten and possible adjustments to schedules to create space for educator training and for educators to meet with families at the beginning of the school year.
- 9. For districts participating in the ELTC, when is the best time to train Kindergarten teachers?
 - a. Some pilot school districts train educators prior to leaving for summer. ODE's recommendation is to fully train educators prior to hosting any family conversations. If a school district decides to train educators prior to summer, a school/district must have a plan to train new educators that may be hired during the summer months so that they are fully prepared and understand all the requirements of the Family Conversation.
- 10. Which districts receive ELTC training materials? All districts, or only those who signed up for the pilot?
 - a. Official training materials will go out to schools in the pilot in order to reduce confusion about requirements. Additionally, ODE [provided a link in the slide deck](#) for the webinar that was held in October 2024 during the information session. School districts will be able to begin planning using information from that presentation.

OSAS Platform (TIDE, CRS)

11. What methods can I use to demonstrate the functionality of embedded accessibility features in a live training (e.g., a DTC-facilitated training for STCs or TAs)?
 - a. Nearly every embedded accessibility feature can be demonstrated through the Sample and Training Tests on the OSAS Portal. Any user can access a Sample or Training Test by logging in as a Guest User.
 - b. Dictation cannot be enabled for a guest Sample Test. Dictation can be previewed in the [Accessibility Supports Demonstration Presentation](#) found on the [Assessment Administration Resources webpage](#), under General Accessibility Resources.

Other

12. Will the New DTC Orientation "Advanced TIDE webinar" be recorded and posted?
 - a. The slides will be shared for this webinar on ODE's [Assessment Administration Resources webpage](#) and the webinar will be recorded and available upon request.
13. What is the EVE Survey? Is it required?
 - a. The Oregon Elevating Voices in Education (EVE) Workforce Survey resulted from Senate Bill 283 (2023). Learn more on the [EVE webpage](#).

SEED

14. Where can I find the recording for the 12/6 SEED webinar?
 - a. The recording for the 12/6 session is located on the [SEED Survey webpage](#) within the "Survey Results and Reporting" accordion menu.

Helpful Links:

- [DTC Designation Form](#)
- [Superintendent Approval Fillable Form](#)
- [Accountability Training](#)
- [Assessment Training Materials](#)
- [AA Update](#) page, with archives and subscription link
- [DTC Roadmap](#)
- [Interim Assessment](#) resources and training materials
- [Nationally-Normed College Entrance Practice Test](#) page
- ODE's Equitable Grading Practices [webpage](#) and [email](#)
- [OSAS Portal](#) (includes testing schedule)

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- [SEED Survey](#)
 - [Test Administration](#) page (Oregon Accessibility Manual and Test Administration Manual)
 - [Test Administration Resources](#) page (Accessibility Supports, RARP, DTC Webinar Resources)