

DTC Webinar Q&A – September 9, 2026

DTC Webinar recordings are available upon request.

Accountability and Reporting: Extended

1. Are districts directly notified if they have a 1% plan for ORExt assessment participation?
 - a. Yes. ESD Partners notify districts as to their next steps after the submission window closes on 10/1.

Assessment Administration

2. Which test group permissions do Test Administrators carry forward year to year, and which need to be re-added every year?
 - a. The interim and ELPA Screener test group permissions roll over year to year. Other test groups are removed during the yearly system rollover in July. You can confirm this in the [TIDE User Guide](#).
3. What are the respective user permissions of the Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) role vs. the District Level User (DLU) role?
 - a. These are detailed in the Understand User Roles and Permissions section in the [TIDE User Guide](#).
4. Will crisis alert response times be calculated during weekends and holidays?
 - a. Yes. The 24 hour "clock" starts when the crisis alert becomes available. Crisis alerts are generated because of assessment/survey activities. It is very unlikely that a student would be working on a test/survey during a weekend or holiday.
5. How is ODE involved in crisis alert tracking and resolution?
 - a. CAI (Cambium, our test delivery vendor): detects responses of concern and passes alerts to districts.
 - b. Districts: reviews alerts and determines appropriate action.
 - c. ODE: helps districts understand the process and serves as a back to ensure that districts are aware of alerts. ODE does not monitor or oversee crisis alert processing or responses. Our role is to

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- ensure districts are aware of crisis alerts and understand their responsibilities.
6. Can districts print out interim assessments and make booklets or send the booklets to the ESD?
 - a. No. This would violate the test security agreement provided by Smarter Balanced.
 7. What can DLUs see and do in TIDE when they don't have any test groups assigned to them?
 - a. Consult pages 10 and 11 of the [TIDE User Guide](#).
 8. Which user roles can access the Hotline Direct application?
 - a. DTCs, DLUs, and RAVs should be able to access Hotline Direct.

Training and Materials

9. Will the TOSA role have access to Tools for Teachers?
 - a. Yes.
10. Where can we find out which districts are participating in ESSA Test Administration Monitoring in a given year?
 - a. Consult the [ESSA Test Administration Monitoring Rotation of Districts](#), found on the [OSAS Assessment Administration page](#).
11. Under the new Hotline Direct system, are districts still notified of crisis alerts by email?
 - a. Yes. Every alert will auto-generate one initial email, when the alert is first detected. If 24 hours have passed without district “acknowledgement” (in the Hotline Direct application), the district will receive one reminder email. ODE is cc'd on this reminder and subsequently contacts a wider range of district staff (including the superintendent) to ensure district personnel are aware of and can act on the crisis alert information.
12. Will the New DTC Orientation series be recorded?
 - a. Traditionally, the slides and supporting resources have been made available asynchronously. ODE did not record these sessions in 2025-26.

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13. Are the OSAS math summative data webinars all the same, or should attendees register for the whole series?
 - a. They will all be the same; pick the time that is best for you. Office hours will vary with the participants, so you're welcome to attend more than one of the office hours.
 14. Do new TAs need to sign an assurance of test security form before a DTC grants them access to interim assessments?
 - a. Assurance of test security forms do not appear in the "absolute minimum" interim training elements list in the TAM. Therefore, in September (prior to the publication of updated TA training materials) the TA does not need to sign an assurance of test security form (but they will need to sign this form eventually, when they complete the rest of their required training). In October and following (after the publication of updated TA training materials), new TAs need to sign an assurance of test security as part of completing the full TA training.
 15. How and when does a new DTC gain access to TIDE?
 - a. Permissions are granted after completion of required ODE annual training in November. DTCs who need to carry out tasks in TIDE prior to this date should contact their ESD partner.

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)
- [SEED Survey](#)

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