

DTC Webinar Q&A – {September 13, 2023}

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Q&A Session:

Crisis Alerts

1. How will DTCs be made aware that crisis alerts are awaiting their attention in the Secure File Center in TIDE?
 - a. Cambium will send an email to the DTC with a notification to check the Secure File Center. This email will be auto-generated and sent as a "no-reply" email from notifying the user that a file has been posted to the user's Secure File Center. Each alert will generate a separate email.
2. Will principals be copied on alerts?
 - a. DTCs will share the crisis alert information with principals. The automated system is not structured to be able to also send to principals.
3. Will district level users also get a notification?
 - a. More information regarding this question will be shared during the DTC Training Webinar.
4. Does this mean that crisis alerts now go ONLY to DTCs?
 - a. More information regarding this question will be shared during the DTC Training Webinar.
5. Principals were notified of crisis alerts in previous years. Why has that process changed?
 - a. More information will be coming during the DTC Training Webinar in November. ODE is continuing to process crisis alerts until then. The change was made to improve the ability to connect resources with students as quickly as

possible by starting the DHS reporting process sooner and more effectively.

6. Per the updated crisis alert procedure, will ODE still file reports to DHS?
 - a. This process change will begin after the annual November DTC training, at which time ODE will no longer be filing reports.
7. If a DTC is absent for more than a day, is there a back-up?
 - a. More information regarding this question will be shared during the DTC Training Webinar.
8. Do crisis alerts apply to the SEED Survey?
 - a. Yes.

ELPA

9. Where can we find the most up to date information about the current cut scores for the ELPA Screener?
 - a. There have been no changes to cut scores for the ELPA Screener in grades 1-12. The most recent information about cut scores for the Future K and Grade K Screener can be found in [2023 Future K and Grade K Screener Updates](#), in the Guidance accordion of the [ELP Assessment page](#).

Essential Skills

10. If Essential skills is not suspended by the State Board, can the reduction in the blueprints still allow for the ability to obtain ES?
 - a. Yes. Changes to test blueprints still allow for students to demonstrate proficiency in Essential Skills if the suspension of the assessment of Essential Skills is not extended. Please remember that the suspension of the assessment of Essential Skills remains in effect for the 23-24 school year.

The current recommendation that will now go before the board in October, given Chair Martinez-Zapata's decision that she explained at the 9/21 State Board of Education meeting, is to extend the suspension of the policy through 27-28.

Interim

11. When will the OSAS Interim tests become available to administer?
 - a. The interim administration window opened 26 September.

Kindergarten

12. Is the OKA optional in 2023-24?
 - a. School districts are not required to administer any components of Oregon's Kindergarten Assessment or submit those scores to ODE. ODE is aware that some school districts use some components of the OKA as part of their assessment system for kindergarten, as they provide important data around foundational skills with literacy and numeracy and approaches to learning. ODE recommends these assessments be completed after the child feels more comfortable with the educator and not at the first meeting.

Other

13. For which assessments will districts be required to submit information regarding the District Assessment Inventory (HB 4124)?
 - a. The District Assessment Inventory, mandated by HB 4124, will collect information on district-required academic assessments. It excludes state-required assessments (such as OSAS summative tests), non-academic assessments such as health screenings or surveys, and assessments that may

be administered at the discretion of teachers or groups of teachers. Documentation accompanying the Inventory will clarify included vs. excluded assessment instruments.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2022R1/Measures/Overview/HB4124>

14. When and where will the DTC Webinar presentations be available?

- a. We post slides in the [Test Administration Resources webpage](#) within about a week of the DTC Webinar.

15. Report Card Narratives - what happens when you don't submit your saved wording?

- a. Contact ESD Partners for support with At-A-Glance narratives.

PreACT

16. Is the Pre ACT required?

- a. It is required to be made available to all eligible 10th graders.

SEED Survey

17. Where can I find guidance for SEED Survey requirements?

- a. General guidance is stated in the Test Administration Manual. You may also review the [enrolled text of HB 2656](#) for requirements related to that bill. Additionally, specific details will be available in the SEED Survey Administration manual, which is scheduled to be published by the end of October.

18. Has there been any communication with parents about the SEED (student educational equity development) Survey?

- a. Any communication to parents about the SEED Survey would be done at the district level. There is a communication toolkit available on the [SEED Survey webpage](#). HB 2656 requires parent notification of SEED Survey administration. ODE will provide parent notification letters for districts to use as they wish. These letters will be available along with the SEED Survey Administration Manual by the end of October.

19. Is the Student Health Survey managed by the Assessment Team?


- a. The Student Health Survey is managed by the Oregon Health Authority.

20. Are there any plans to provide student level information from the SEED survey?

- a. The SEED Survey is an anonymous student survey. Anonymity is a critical component in the survey design. Therefore, no student level data will be publicly reported or shared back with districts.

21. HB 2656 states, "Students may decline, at any time and either verbally or in writing, to participate in a survey identified in subsection..." So, is it enough if a student says they don't want to take it?

- a. Per HB2656 students may verbally decline participation. More details on how districts can track students who



verbally decline to participate will be available in the SEED Survey Administration Manual by the end of October.

22. Is there a participation rate required for the SEED Survey?
- a. HB 2656 does not identify a participation rate requirement. More details on what it means to make the SEED Survey available to all students will be included in the SEED Survey Administration Manual by the end of October.
23. Is the Alt SEED no longer optional? Now it's mandatory?
- a. The Alt SEED is subject to all applicable requirements of HB2656, including parent/guardian notification and parent/guardian opportunity to decline participation. Additional details will be available in the administration manual.

Helpful Links:

[DTC Designation Form \(2022-2023 SY\)](#)

[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](#)

[Test Administration](#) page (Oregon Accessibility Manual and Test Administration Manual)

[Test Administration Resources](#) page (Accessibility Supports, RARP, DTC Webinar Resources)