DTC Webinar Q&A – November 18, 2026

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Assessment Administration

1. What determines which tests or surveys a Test Administrator can open in the testing platform?
    a. Two conditions must be true for a TA to see an instrument in the testing platform. (1) They have a test group permission for that instrument. (2) The window is currently open for that instrument.
2. When will the test window tool in TIDE become active?
    a. 12/1/26.
3. Do Response Alert Viewers need to sign a Non-TA Assurance of Test Security Form?
    a. Only if they will be entering a secure test environment.

Assessment Administration: ELPA and Alt ELPA

4. What is the deadline for administering an ELP screener to newly enrolling students with significant disabilities? Where is this timeline documented?
    a. The Unified ELPA Guidance provides a timeline for newly enrolling EL status resolution. The federal identification timeline begins once the special education identification process has concluded.

Assessment Administration: Math

5. This year, the Grade 8 Math Performance Task will offer some students a choice of topics. Will this expand to other grade levels?
    a. The Choice Performance Tasks are being used in a few states this year and, depending on results, will likely be expanded. The process can take multiple years.
6. Where can I learn more about choice items on the Grade 8 Math Performance Task?
    a. The test administration script on pages 53 and 58 of the Test Administration Manual has a basic explanation, with a clickable link for more information.

General

7. Will Cambium continue to be ODE's test vendor for testing and reporting? Will ODE start accepting the approved Interim Assessments instead of the OSAS Summative Assessments?
    a. Cambium will continue to be the vendor for the OSAS test delivery platform and reporting for the 2026-27 academic year. ODE will maintain test and item development partnerships with all of its current vendors (Smarter Balanced - ELA and Math, Cambium - Science, and ELPA21 - ELPA suite).
    b. The State Board-approved interim assessments are not a replacement for the federal requirements of administering the OSAS tests.
8. Will social sciences become a required assessment in the future?
    a. There are no plans to add a required Social Sciences assessment at this time.
    b. Oregon's Statewide Social Sciences Assessment is administered as an optional assessment in elementary, middle school, and high school. Oregon public schools have the option of administering state, district, or locally developed social science analysis performance assessments.

Training and Materials

9. Are historical versions of the Test Administration Manual and Oregon Accessibility Manual available online?
    a. ODE keeps all versions from prior years, but they are not published. If you need a previous version of a manual, please let us know.

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