

DTC Webinar: Q&A Session – November 3 – 5, 2020

Q: How do I join the DTC listserv?

- If you are a DTC and have turned in a DTC form for 2020-21 you should already be on this listserv.

Q: Does use of the ELPA Screener at this time require the creation of a temp ID for all students or can SSIDs be used. We had trouble today trying to use SSID.

- Standard screening, which usually involves newly arriving students, can be performed using with a Temporary ID or and SSID.
- Unique screening should be performed *only* using a Temporary ID, never the student's SSID. Districts should *not* merge Temporary IDs used for unique screening with the student's SSID.
- Screener availability: Each student has a single opportunity to take the ELPA Screener on their SSID. Once it's been used, the SSID can no longer be used for screening. If a student's EL flag is set to Y, then a Screener will not appear as an available test for that student (another reason why SSIDs should not be used for unique screening).

Q: Is the deadline for unique screening going to be extended?

- No. The deadline for unique screening will expire on the 20th of November. Our guidance states the expectation from ODE is that district will make a good faith effort to screen all eligible students. Eligible students who do not participate in unique screening retain their EL status and are eligible to participate in the yearly ELPA Summative.

Q: The ELPA21 Screener Manual lists administering the ELPA Screener with Physical Distancing. Is the document on the website a different document? Which is the required reading?

- Since the posting of the ELPA Screener Administration Manual, ELPA Screener guidance was updated and combined into a [single required document](#).

Q: What kind of documentation do districts need to have in regards to students who are not able to participate in the unique screener for future audits or reporting?

- Unique Screening is an additional opportunity for students to demonstrate English language proficiency and does not have an accountability requirement. ODE is not placing any requirements on districts to record when or which students were offered opportunities.
- It is not required, but may be advisable, to record parent/family refusal of the unique screening opportunity, to maintain a full record of the student's ELP testing history.

Q: As a new DTC I have ELPA21 kindergarten student I need to test before the 20th

November but I cannot proctor a test. How do I address this situation?

- If you need to proctor an ELPA test and you don't see it available, the most common reason is that your test groups have not been assigned to you. If you are a TA, your DTC activates test groups for you. If you are a DTC, your [Regional ESD Partner](#) will assign your test groups.

Q: So when I start to set up a test I get this message: User is not certified to proctor tests. Please complete Test Security Agreement and TA Certification Course.

[MessageCode: 13877]. How do I fix this?

- This message indicates that the TA / DTC in question needs to have test groups assigned. TAs, contact your DTC. DTCs, contact your [Regional ESD partner](#).

Q: What were the two ways you are going to communicate with DTC's?

- The Assessment Team communicates through two principal avenues: AA Update and the DTC listserv.

Q: I am new to this and it feels very overwhelming. What do you recommend as a place to start getting a foundation with the basics? I'm not even sure what I have to do and where to start?

- This training gets at a lot of what you'll need to do to get started. This includes reading the technical manuals that guide our work. [Regional ESD partners](#) are also an invaluable resource. You can also contact Dan Farley at dan.farley@state.or.us and he can connect you with a veteran DTC to mentor you or to just be a thought partner if you have questions.

Q: Science test for High School. Since the change to the new format there is now no immediate feedback to teachers any more. Is it required to test students in Science and if so must it be juniors or can sophomores be tested?

- Students are required to take the OSAS Science Assessment in 11th grade. Dan is going to address targeting up later in this session. Tenth graders may target up to the 11th grade science assessment, but not 9th graders.

Q: The Personalized Learning requirements also do not apply to Class of 2021, correct?

- That is correct. The Personalized Learning requirements have been waived for students graduating in the 2020-21 school year.

Q: Where do we find the Assessment FAQ?

- [Assessment FAQ](#)

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Q: What are the test windows as of right now?

- [Current Test Schedule](#)

Q: If a 10th grade student tests up, can they test again as an 11th grade student, or have they essentially used their opportunity?

- Our system will be able to bank scores for 10th grade students who meet proficiency requirements. If they do not meet, they will be required to take it again as 11th graders.

Q: Will you have more specific guidance for Virtual Schools that have students all across Oregon? We would normally be booking sites for students to be tested, but currently are not sure how to do this with the regulations.

- We are hopeful that the course we are plotting will address that concern. We do not have a further answer for you now and know that this is a challenge.

Q: Our school is open but we have some students who opted to participate in distance learning. Do they have to come to the school to complete the assessments?

- We will have guidance on this if we're able to pursue summative assessments in the spring. No, students are opting into Distance Learning cannot be forced into coming in for Summative Assessments. This is a situation where implementing the opt-out process might be available to the parents.

Q: Can we have TA's go through the web trainings and then turn in their documents since we would not be meeting as a group?

- The expectation would be to coordinate an online or webinar based training instead of an in-person training for this coming year. It would have to be a direct and synchronous delivery of the training.

Q: Can you speak to the designated support of text to speech. Specifically for kiddos with dyslexia.

- Text to speech for the question items, selections, and distractors associated with the item remain a designated support. However, the reading passages associated with claim 1 reading still remains an accommodation support that needs to be reflected in IEP or 504.

Q: Do you believe Performance Tasks will come back in 21-22?

- We tried to make sure we communicated that the changes to this year are specific to this year. We will be evaluating a longer term strategy for 2021-22 thereafter.

Q: If our District remains in Comprehensive Distance Learning throughout entire test window, what happens to testing?

- That is a challenge that we are reviewing. One of the only potential solutions is remote test administration where students would participate in the statewide

summative assessments from their homes via secure browser. There is a complex, deep conversation regarding the threat to validity around that question. Further clarification is pending as we review all of the possibilities therein.

Q: In such a case would a separate TA training be required to administer a test from a distance?

- Yes, that would add an additional training requirement for DTCs, STCs, and TAs.

Q: Will the opt-out form have something dealing with COVID?

- The form will not change.