

Social Sciences Assessment Update

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Current Status of Social Sciences Assessment in Oregon (OAKS)

- OAKS Social Sciences is an optional, grade banded (grades 3-5, 6-8 and High School) assessment that is aligned to the 2001 and 2011 Oregon Social Sciences Content Standards
- Based on ORS 329.485, the legislature still requires the assessment to be offered even though there hasn't been funding for the past five years to develop new assessment items
- Items on OAKS Social Sciences are around the big ideas and not discreet facts

Future Status of Social Sciences Assessment in Oregon (OAKS)

- 2016-2017: OAKS Social Sciences will remain optional at this time and aligned to the 2001 and 2011 Oregon Social Sciences Standards
- There is no funding or planning at this time for a new Social Sciences assessment being developed or required for graduation at this time
- There might be additional funding in the future for classroom based Social Sciences themed assessments being developed (pending Legislature funding for 2017-2019)

Social Sciences Analysis Local Performance Assessment (Work- Sample)

- Social Sciences Analysis local performance assessments (work-sample) are optional at this time
- Aligns well with Common Core State Standards for Literacy in History and Social Studies
- Aligns well with Smarter Balanced English Language Arts Performance Tasks (tasks contain informational text with Social Sciences context)
- Social Sciences Advisory Panel will need to review the current scoring guide with new standards for alignment