

Executive Numbered Memo 002-2012-13 – Extended Assessment: High School Retake Policy

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TO: Superintendents, Principals, and Special Education Directors

RE: Extended Assessment: High School Retake Policy

Under OAR 581-022-0615: Assessment of Essential Skills, students are required to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills in order to receive a regular or modified diploma. As identified in Appendix K of the Test Administration Manual, students may use the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) to demonstrate proficiency in the Essential Skills; for students on an IEP seeking a modified diploma, this includes the OAKS Extended Assessment.

In light of the aforementioned focus on the use of assessments in demonstrating proficiency in the Essential Skills, ODE has revised the Extended Assessment: High School Retake Policy accordingly. The adopted policy specifically allows students whose IEP indicates the OAKS Extended Assessments to retest in their 12th grade year, if they did not meet the alternate achievement standard as 11th graders in one or more of the Essential Skills subject areas tested by this assessment. While retests are not mandatory, like those who participate in the OAKS statewide assessments, districts should have testing opportunities available for grade 12 students with disabilities who wish to retake an OAKS Extended Assessment(s) in order demonstrate proficiency for the Essential Skills graduation requirement.

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