

## **Executive Numbered Memo 018-2005-06 - TESA requirement**

February 22, 2006

**TO:** Superintendents, Principals, Testing Directors

**RE:** TESA requirement

Over the past 3 years, Oregon schools have adopted Technology Enhanced Student Assessment (TESA) at an astonishing rate. As of 2004-05, approximately 85% of all multiple choice tests were administered via the web based infrastructure.

As a result of this shift and the economies of scale, the mass printing of paper and pencil tests is no longer fiscally responsible or sustainable. Therefore:

- TESA will be mandatory for the 2006-07 school year for Mathematics, Reading, and Science multiple choice tests for grades 3-8 and CIM level tests.
- Paper and Pencil tests will only be available as an accommodation which must be determined by the classroom teacher for each content area based on an evaluation of each student's needs. Justification for the accommodation may be required as part of the paper and pencil ordering process and may be audited by ODE.
- District Superintendents may request a 1 year waiver for individual schools by emailing Sabrina Ganoë. Requests for the 1 year waiver must be submitted no later than March 1, 2006. The maximum number of paper and pencil tests a school may order will be determined by the number of paper and pencil tests completed by students at the school in 2004-05.

For further information, contact Sabrina Ganoë.