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TEST ADMINISTRATION

Important 2024-25 District Test Coordinator (DTC) Training Dates

The annual training is required of both new and returning DTCs. You can find more information on training requirements in the Test Administration Manual Section 1.5.

Register below for <u>one</u> of three dates:

- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 PM
- Wednesday, November 6, 2024 | 9:00-10:30 AM
- Thursday, November 7, 2024 | 3:45-5:15 PM

ELPA

ELPA Summative Braille Order Deadline Oct 1

Districts who are planning to order ELPA Summative braille version tests should complete and submit <u>this form</u> by 10/1/24. ELPA Summative braille requests cannot be fulfilled after this date. Please contact your Regional ESD Partner with questions.

EXTENDED ASSESSMENT

1% ORExt Participation Projections due October 1, 2024 REPEAT

Reminder: All school districts are required to submit their projected Oregon Extended (ORExt) assessment participation numbers and rates for each content area by the first weekday on or after **October 1** of each school year. For additional details, please review the 1% ORExt Participation Reporting Requirements for Oregon Districts document. Additional information and resources can be found on ODE's Oregon Extended Assessment webpage under the Policies section.

Save the dates: The Assessment Team will be holding open office hours on the following dates to support districts with the 1% ORExt participation reporting requirements.

Friday, September 20, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <u>Zoom link</u> Friday, September 27, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <u>Zoom link</u> Friday, November 1, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <u>Zoom link</u> Friday, November 8, 2024 from 10:00 – 11:00 AM | <u>Zoom link</u>

Contact your Regional ESD Partners for technical support submitting required documentation.

Contact Mason Rivers, Special Education Assessment Specialist, with any policy questions.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

Last Day to Make Edits to the Class Roster Collection: September 20 REPEAT

The Class Roster collection closes on September 20. The collection cannot be reopened after this date. If you have not already done so, please review your Class Size Validation by logging into Central Login and selecting the Achievement Data Insight application to access your validation data. If you have any questions about the Class Size Validation, please contact Robin Stalcup, Research Analyst. For questions about how to change information in your Class Roster Collection or to have it re-opened before September 20, please contact Robin Stalcup, Ryan Clark, Research Analyst, or your Regional ESD Partner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ELPA Screener

QUESTION: What Writing score contributes to a Proficient profile on the Future K Screener?

ANSWER: In 2022-23, ODE set a Writing 2 or higher as contributing to a Proficient profile on the Future K English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Screener. During the 2023-24 school year, ODE investigated the cut points for the Future K and Grade K Screeners and concluded that adjustments would be appropriate.

In March 2023, temporary adjustments were made to Future K Screener cut points (with accompanying adjustments to the Grade K Screener in January 2024), and the required Writing score to contribute to a Proficient threshold returned to a 3. This does not represent an increase in difficulty, as the cut score required to reach a 3 is lower than previously. In spring 2025, ODE will engage in a verification study to confirm or adjust the temporary cut score placement.

For more information, consult the following documents on the ELP Assessment page:

- <u>2024-25 Future K and Grade K Screener Updates</u> outlines the most recent information on Future K and Grade K cut score adjustments.
- Performance Standards: confirms Proficient thresholds on all ELPA tests.

QUESTION: What Screener should Kindergarten students take? Only the Future K test is visible.

ANSWER: Students entering Kindergarten and testing prior to 9/14/25 should take the Future K Screener. You can find a full explanation in the <u>ELPA Screener Administration Manual</u>, page 15.