

DTC Webinar Q&A – {Sept 11, 2024}

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General

1. What is the DTC Fact Finder?
 - a. The [DTC Fact Finder](#) is a comprehension check and training confirmation exercise that DTCs complete prior to the November annual training. ODE reviews Fact Finder results with DTCs during the November training.
2. On slide 9, what does the asterisk next to the DTC modules release module mean?
 - a. Some 24-25 DTC modules are available prior to the October 1 publication date. For example, ELPA Screener training materials are updated yearly in July.
3. What follow up feedback/support will ODE provide in response to ESSA Test Administration Monitoring self-assessments?
 - a. ODE will provide follow-up feedback in the form of a formal letter, which will include detailed feedback and suggestions based on the self-assessment responses. If additional support is needed it will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

ELTC

4. What is the content of the Early Learning Transition Check-In Informational Webinar and who should attend?
 - a. The purpose of the ELTC District Informational Session is to:
 - i. provide district leaders with an overview of the ELTC,
 - ii. assist interested district leaders in initial planning for the upcoming Fall 2025 Family Conversation so they can begin to make plans if changes in district calendars are needed, and
 - iii. hear from other district leaders about their strategies, successes and challenges of implementing the first component of the ELTC: Family Conversation.
 - b. The session is open to all Superintendents, District and Charter School Leaders, PreK-8 Principals. More information is available in the official announcement in late September in the Superintendent Listserv and A & A Updates beginning the first week of October.

Essential Skills

5. Is there a timeline for new graduation requirements?
 - a. The Assessment of Essential Skills graduation policy remains suspended through 2027-2028. The additional course requirements (Civics and Financial Literacy) are currently in the implementation process. There are no new updates regarding a timeline for any other graduation requirements.

ODE Reporting (AWE)

6. When will 23-24 state assessment data be made public?
 - a. The 2023-24 Statewide Assessment Results are available [here](#).

OSAS Platform (TIDE, CRS)

7. Are districts required to block a test before setting the opt-out/parent request for exemption field?
 - a. The subject can be blocked prior to setting the opt-out / parent request for the exemption field, or simultaneously.
8. Is it possible for the opt-out / parent request for exemption field to also automatically block selected tests?
 - a. Cambium has shared that this capability is not currently possible. If that changes, we will share an update.
9. Can the new opt-out/parent request for exemption field in TIDE be set for students via upload rather than one at a time?
 - a. Yes. Regional ESD Partners have the ability to batch upload modifications to this setting.
10. If an opt-out or parent request for exemption is recorded in TIDE, does that field also transfer to the official test record in ARUA?
 - a. This is the intent, although the exact process and timing have not yet been finalized.
11. Can STCs modify the opt-out / parent request for exemption field in TIDE?
 - a. STCs can see the opt-out / parent request for exemption field but cannot edit it. DTCs can see and edit this field.
12. How does the opt-out / parent request for exemption field know which tests need to be blocked?

- a. The opt-out / parent request for exemption field requires a specific test or tests to be selected. The system will check to see that those same specific tests were blocked when the user tries to save the record.
13. How frequently are districts required to update the opt-out / parent request for exemption fields? Is once at the end of the test window sufficient (presuming that tests are appropriately blocked during the test window)?
- a. Assuming tests are blocked for students in TIDE who will be opting out or are exempted, districts may choose the frequency with which to update the opt out/exemption fields. ODE recommends updating earlier rather than later, to ensure there is time for verification and error correction. It is not possible to update these fields after the yearly TIDE rollover.
14. Are districts required to send an opt-out / parent request for exemption field upload files to ESD Partners?
- a. If the field is set in TIDE, an upload file does not also need to be sent to the ESD partner.
15. If a family opts out of testing after a student has already completed the relevant test, is that an impropriety? Does it need to be reported?
- a. If students completed testing prior to parents/families submitting the opt-out or request for exemption, that irregularity would be reported via the impropriety/irregularity reporting system. ODE then invalidates the test.

PreACT

16. If a district chooses to order and pay for the ACT themselves, should they still use the PreACT Oregon link for ordering?
- a. For orders being placed under the national program, please reach out to Emily Duplessis (Emily.Duplessis@act.org) for order instructions.
17. Does the state contract cover the digital version of the PreACT, or paper/pencil only?
- a. Paper/pencil is still the only option under the state contract.
18. What will happen if Intermediary Ed is not determined to be a non-profit entity, but districts are still required to deliver a nationally normed college entrance practice test?
- a. If the DoJ determines IntermediaryEd is not a non-profit, we would have to terminate the contract and repeat the entire solicitation/RFP process, which would mean that testing would not be available for up to two years.

- 19. If a district has to go back to something like Pre-SAT, who is going to pay for those?
 - a. The only mechanism ODE has to pay for the nationally-normed college entrance practice exam is through the state contract, which identifies the specific test to be administered. Districts pay the costs for any exams administered that are not covered by the contract. The statute limits ODE's ability to be flexible.
- 20. Is there an opportunity to receive reimbursement at a later point if what we choose does end up with a contract? Should we just wait as long as possible?
 - a. If districts choose to order the PreACT test directly from IntermediaryEd (formerly ACT, Inc.) and there is any issue that causes the Contract to not be amended to change the organization the ODE is Contracting with, they may not be able to be reimbursed. If the contract amendment is approved and executed, the orders for 10th grade students for the paper/pencil PreACT may be included under the state contract. Because logistics at each district are different, some districts have determined the internal deadline by which they would need to make a decision about whether or not to order off of the contract to accommodate a previously scheduled date or to delay the testing until the contract process is complete.

SEED

- 21. When it says SEED Survey must be offered, does that mean students must take it or just made available?
 - a. HB 2656 requires school districts to make the survey available. Students and parents may decline to participate.
- 22. Are charter schools required to make the SEED Survey available?
 - a. Charter schools are strongly encouraged, but not required, to make the SEED Survey available to their students. Per OAR 338.115, charter schools are not bound by HB 2656's amendment to ORS 329 because the SEED Survey is not explicitly included in ORS 338.115.

Helpful Links:

- [DTC Designation Form](#)
- [Superintendent Approval Fillable Form](#)
- [Accountability Training](#)
- [Assessment Training Materials](#)
- [AA Update](#) page, with archives and subscription link
- [DTC Roadmap](#)
- [Interim Assessment](#) resources and training materials
- [Nationally-Normed College Entrance Practice Test](#) page
- ODE's Equitable Grading Practices [webpage](#) and [email](#)
- [OSAS Portal](#) (includes testing schedule)
- [SEED Survey](#)
- [Test Administration](#) page (Oregon Accessibility Manual and Test Administration Manual)
- [Test Administration Resources](#) page (Accessibility Supports, RARP, DTC Webinar Resources)