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Regional ESD Partners

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Who To Contact at ODE

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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coming Soon: 2017-18 DTC Training Materials

By close of business tomorrow, Friday, September 29, ODE will post the following annual test security and administration training materials for District Test Coordinators (DTCs) to access:

- 2017-18 ODE-provided recorded training modules (DTCs must view independently between October 2 and November 3, 2017);
- ODE-provided training survey (DTCs must submit by November 3, 2017); and
- Final 2017-18 Test Administration Manual

In addition, the Oregon Accessibility Manual and Essential Skills and Local Performance Assessment Manual which are both required reading for DTCs are currently available through ODE's website.

REMINDER: Registration Deadline for November DTC Trainings

The required 2017-18 District Test Coordinator Training will be held on the following dates (all times PDT):

- November 7, 2017 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- November 8, 2017 from 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- November 9, 2017 from 3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

The deadline to register for one of these scheduled ODE-facilitated Webinar sessions is **October 13, 2017**. DTCs who are unable to participate in one of these ODE-facilitated WebEx sessions must notify their Regional ESD Partner by **November 1, 2017**.

Panelists Needed: Kindergarten Assessment Advisory Panel

ODE is recruiting for the Kindergarten Assessment Advisory Panel. This panel will help ODE with future Kindergarten Assessments and help to develop resources for stakeholders. ODE is looking for experienced Kindergarten Teachers and Early Learning Providers who are familiar with Oregon's Kindergarten Assessment and Oregon's Early Learning and Kindergarten Standards. **KA teachers, Early Learning Providers, and Specialists from all regions of Oregon are encouraged to apply. Applicants will be selected based on their experience and representation**

of socio-economic status, English learner status, and all diverse populations. In addition, some members of previous ODE Kindergarten panels will be identified for historical continuity.

The first meeting of the 2017-18 KA Advisory Panel is scheduled for **December 7** in Salem. There is a possibility of additional work days which will be scheduled as the events are finalized. Generally, panel members can expect to meet up to 5 school days during each school year. Appointments to the KA advisory panel have a duration of 3 school years. Interested parties need to fill out the KA Advisory Panel Application located on the Kindergarten Assessment page.

Completed Applications should be sent to Holly Dalton at holly.dalton@state.or.us. The application deadline is **Monday, October 23, 2017**.

ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Updated Official Writing Scoring Guide

Starting with the 2017-2018 school year, the updated Official Writing Scoring Guide aligned to the Oregon Common Core State Standards is the only scoring guide approved to score work samples for demonstrating proficiency in the Essential Skill of writing.

Note - There are two versions of the updated Official Writing Scoring Guide:
- Narrative writing (personal or fictional)
- Informative, Explanatory, Argumentative, and Research writing

ODE recommends that the Official Writing Scoring Guide be used as a teaching and assessment tool across content areas, and at all grade levels. ODE also recommends that the Official Writing Scoring Guide be used in 3-8 classrooms to score work samples for fulfilling the Local Performance Assessment requirement, as well as other writing assessments. Visit the ELA Assessment Homepage to access resources.

For additional support, please contact Tony Bertrand at tony.bertrand@state.or.us.

ACCOUNTABILITY & REPORTING

REMINDER: Accountability Reports Remain Embargoed

Please remember that, although district staff have access to finalized accountability data on Freshman On-Track rates, Not Chronically Absent rates, Class Size, and other accountability indicators via the Achievement Data Insight application, these data remain embargoed until their public release dates in mid-October. Please do not share these data outside of authorized district staff.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Answers to Common Questions from the Field

QUESTION: When will TIDE be updated with current student information for 2017-18?

ANSWER: When the 2017-18 TIDE launches on November 7, 2017, it will be updated with the current resident students in each district. At that point, as student information is updated in ODE's SSID collection, it will be updated in TIDE within 48 hours.