

# Assessment & Accountability Update



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## Student Centered Staging Closed for AYP Preliminary Processing

Student Centered Staging will be closed for editing on Friday, **July 23** at 5:00 PM and is scheduled to reopen by noon on Thursday, **July 29**.

Secure Assessment Reports will also be unavailable during this time

## AYP Substantive Appeals Due August 19, 2010

A district may appeal the results of the 2010 Preliminary Adequate Yearly Progress Report either on its own behalf or on behalf of its schools. ODE will consider substantive appeals for AYP designations when the district submits the following:

- The written request from the school district superintendent or the superintendent's designee is received at the Oregon Department of Education within 18 calendar days of the public release of preliminary AYP reports;
- The school is determined to not meet AYP based on unique events that could not be predicted and/or controlled by the school or district; and
- The data issue contributing to the substantive appeal could not otherwise be remedied through district corrections of the related data.

More information is available in the AYP Policy and Technical Manual. The manual and the AYP Appeal Form are both accessible at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=218>.

Appeals will only be accepted through email to Cynthia Yee at [cynthia.yee@state.or.us](mailto:cynthia.yee@state.or.us) or US mail to 255 Capitol St. NE Salem, OR 97310 Attn: Cynthia Yee - AYP Appeals. Appeals sent by fax will not be accepted.

Appeals are due to ODE no later than Thursday, **August 19, 2010, 12:00 PM**. Please note, if you are sending your appeal by US mail, it must arrive by noon on **August 19**. Post-marks will not be accepted.

Substantive appeals are resolved in a committee process. For questions, please contact Cynthia Yee at [cynthia.yee@state.or.us](mailto:cynthia.yee@state.or.us).

**Reminder:** Preliminary AYP reports will be posted for public review on **August 2**, and districts will have an opportunity to preview on **July 29**. (see [OAR 581-022-1065](http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=218))

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### Extended Assessments 1% Cap for Districts

Extended assessment results meeting the alternate achievement standards can represent no more than 1% of the tests meeting the standard at the district level (see Title 1, final regulations, section 200.13). Any proficient scores above the 1% cap must be reclassified as non-proficient once the 1% cap is exceeded by a district. To accommodate small populations, reclassification of proficient test scores as non-proficient will occur only if there are five or more test scores in the district meeting the alternate assessment standards.

Prior to **August 19, 2010**, the district must identify which student assessment scores, among those that met the alternate assessment standards, should be counted by the state as non-proficient for the purpose of determining AYP. The 1% can be applied to either or both mathematics and reading as long as the total number of extended assessment tests meeting/exceeding is not greater than 1% of the total number of all tests used for the district AYP performance calculation.

On **July 19, 2010**, ODE sent District Test Coordinators an email requesting districts to identify these students. For assistance, please contact your [Regional Assessment ESD partner](#).

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### Spring Writing 2010 Test Records Available in Staging

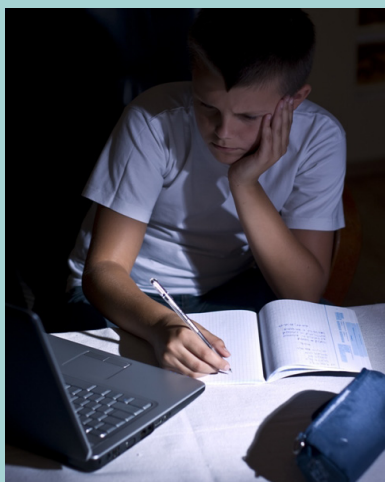
Writing test scores from the spring paper-pencil window are currently available for download and editing in Student Centered Staging. Be sure to resolve errors before downloading or reviewing records online to ensure that data is as accurate as possible.

If you do not have access to the Student Centered Staging application, please contact your district security administrator.

Please contact your [Regional Assessment Support ESD Partner](#) for more information or for assistance accessing these records.



To sign up for the  
AA Update, email  
Cari White at  
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### Key AYP Dates

- **July 29** - District Preview of public release
- **August 2** - Public Release of Preliminary AYP
- **August 19** - Substantive Appeals and 1% capping of Extended Assessments Due
- **August 30** - Substantive Appeals applied if approved and District preview of Final AYP
- **September 2** - Public Release of Final AYP

### Resources & Deadlines for the PSAT/NMSQT®

Again this year, ODE will pay for sophomores enrolled in Oregon Public Schools to take the PSAT/NMSQT® (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) which assesses skills developed through scholastic study as well as through non-classroom experiences.

This low stakes assessment provides students and educators a wealth of resources. Access more information and links to helpful handouts at the PSAT/NMSQT District Web Page: [www.collegeboard.com/psat-district](http://www.collegeboard.com/psat-district)

**Please note:** Only as juniors are students eligible for National Merit consideration.

Please keep in mind that Oregon public schools will not be penalized for ordering unused test books. If too many test books were ordered last spring, orders can be reduced until **August 27**.

#### Important 2010 PSAT/NMSQT Dates:

**August 25:** Deadline for receipt of completed SSD Eligibility Forms for students whose documentation must be reviewed by the College Board

**August 27:** Last date for U.S. schools to reduce test orders

**September 8:** Deadline for receipt of completed SSD Eligibility Forms for students whose documentation does not need review by the College Board and for receipt of SSD Order Roster to order nonstandard test formats for 2009 PSAT/NMSQT

**September 22:** Last date for U.S. schools to increase test orders

**October 13:** Wednesday test date (official test date)

**October 16:** Saturday test date

#### College Board Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD)

As the PSAT/NMSQT® is probably the first College Board test a student will take, we recommend submitting eligibility forms when the student enters high school. These accommodations will follow a child through school. More information about SSD can be found at: [www.collegeboard.com/ssd](http://www.collegeboard.com/ssd).

To check ordering, please log on to the PSAT/NMSQT Coordinator Site at: [www.collegeboard.com/school](http://www.collegeboard.com/school).

If you have questions regarding online ordering, any feature of PSAT/NMSQT®, or any College Board program, please contact: Nancy Potter at [npotter@collegeboard.org](mailto:npotter@collegeboard.org) or 866-392-4078, or Annette Beamer at [abeamer@collegeboard.org](mailto:abeamer@collegeboard.org) or 866-392-4078, x 1430.

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### 2010-11 Secure Browsers

The 2010-11 OAKS Online Secure Browsers for Windows, Mac 10.3, and Linux operating systems are currently available for download from the OAKS Portal <http://www.oaks.k12.or.us/browsers/default.html>. To provide additional time for quality assurance testing, the Mac 10.4-10.6 secure browser will be available starting Wednesday, **August 4, 2010**.

### Required District Test Coordinator Trainings

Required District Test Coordinator training start on **August 17**, at Douglas ESD. Tony Alpert will be conducting the trainings again this year.

Remember - All District Test Coordinators are required to attend one of the DTC trainings held by ODE. If you are unable to attend any of the in-person trainings, web based training will be available. DTCs who do not receive ODE training this year will not be granted access to the OAKS system.

#### Upcoming training dates:

Douglas ESD - **August 17**, 8:30-12:30 pm

Willamette ESD - **August 18**, 1:00-5:00 pm

Multnomah ESD - **August 23**, 8:00am-12:00 pm

Umatilla-Morrow ESD - **August 24**, 10am-3:00 pm

Malheur ESD - **August 25**, 10am-3 pm

Harney ESD - **August 26**, 8:30-12:30 pm

#### WebEx Training:

Part 1: **September 13**, 9-11am

Part 2: **September 14**, 9-11am

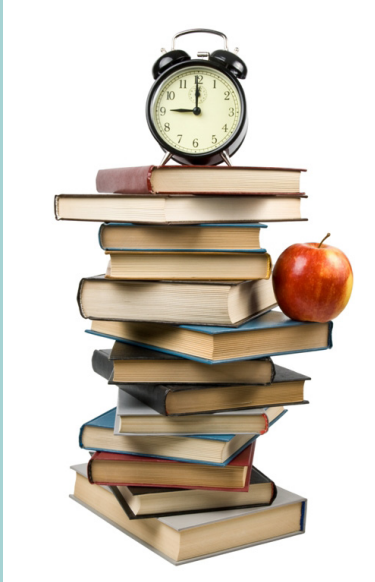
Part 3: **September 15**, 9-11am

Note: Reservations for the web-based training must be made in advance. Please contact Carla Martinez at [Carla.Martinez@state.or.us](mailto:Carla.Martinez@state.or.us) to register. Participants in the web training must attend all three sections of the training.

To register for one of the in person trainings, please contact your Regional Assessment Support Partner at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/oaks/esdpartners1011.pdf>



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### DTC Designation Form – Due by September 1

ODE requires that districts annually designate a District Test Coordinator (DTC) using the [DTC Designation Form](#). This form is used to maintain ODE's internal contact database and list serves. It should be noted, this form does not automatically grant access to the OAKS Online system.

Approximately one third of the districts in the state have submitted this form. After **September 1**, ODE will update the DTC list serve and remove any districts who have not submitted a form. Once a district is removed, they will no longer receive important notices and information regarding Assessment and Accountability.

Superintendents of districts without DTCs will then receive a notice to designate a DTC for their district.

If you are unsure whether your district has submitted a DTC Designation form, feel free to contact Cari White at 503-947-5821.

### Oregon Educators Review Achievement Standards

On **August 9 - August 11**, over thirty Oregonians will convene in Salem to review achievement standards (cut scores) for the 2010-11 OAKS Mathematics assessment. Educational Policy Improvement Center is the external evaluator of the standards setting process.



Participants in the standards setting represent:

- K-12 educators including Career Technical, English as a Second Language/Bilingual, Mathematics teachers (various grades), Mathematics Specialists, NBTC Certified, Special Education, and Talented and Gifted Teachers
- Higher Education and Community College faculty
- Business professionals
- Parent, Site Council, and School Administrators
- Panels and organizations including the ODE Content Panel (including 2006-2008 Standards Authors), ODE Test item Writers, Oregon Council of Teachers of Mathematics (board and professional development cadre), Oregon Mathematics Educational Council, and Teachers of Teachers of Mathematics.

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