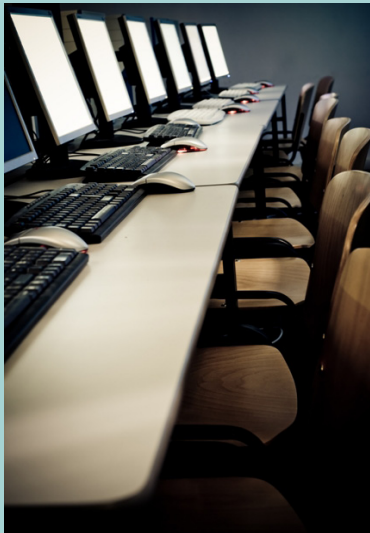


# Assessment & Accountability Update



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## New Training Resources for Assessment of Essential Skills Toolkit Available

Video training modules are now available on the ODE web site to help districts in using the Assessment of Essential Skills Toolkit. Each step in the toolkit is highlighted by a 3-7 minute video clip, which summarizes and provides an overview of the materials and resources provided.

Viewers can work through the video clips sequentially or pick and choose based on current needs in your district. The videos can be found at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=2042>.

For more information, contact [Derek Brown](#), Manager, Assessment of Essential Skills.

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## New Resources Now On-line for Reading Essential Skill

Several new resources are now available to assist districts in assessing the Essential Skill of Reading. The items include the following:

- A video presentation explaining the uses of the Reading Scoring Guide for instruction, formative assessment and summative assessment.
- Spanish language versions of the Official Scoring Guide
- Student language versions of the scoring guide in English and Spanish
- An official Scoring Form for providing feedback on reading work samples
- A template to format reading work samples along with directions for using it

The list of teacher trainers for reading work sample scoring and task development has been updated for the 2010-11 school year.

## Reminder of District Validations Currently Open

- Teacher Characteristics (closes **August 20**)
- Staff FTE: District/ School Administrators (closes **August 13**)
- Staff FTE: Instructional Assistants (closes **August 13**)
- Staff FTE: Teachers (closes **August 13**)
- Staff FTE: Other Staff (closes **August 13**)
- Self-Contained Class Size (closes **August 13**)



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**Regional Assessment  
Support Partners:**  
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/wma/teachlearn/testing/oaks/esdpartners0910.pdf>

### **New Resources Now On-line for Reading Essential Skill (cont.)**

Materials can be found by selecting Reading and choosing from the list of resource pages at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=219> link.

Watch for updates! More resources and WebEx training opportunities will be coming in the fall.

For more information, contact: [Barbara Wolfe](#), Coordinator, Assessment of Essential Skills.



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### **AYP Designations of “Pending” on the Preliminary Reports**

Based on Preliminary 2009-10 AYP data, several small schools and districts received “Pending” AYP designations. A number of small schools and districts may not meet minimum cell size requirements for participation, assessments, and attendance or graduation, even after combining four years of data. In these cases, districts and schools have the opportunity to provide additional data before **August 19, 2010**.

For more information on how to submit additional data, visit <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=677>.

On **August 2, 2010**, Oregon Department of Education sent out notices to the District Test Coordinators requesting additional data. All data must be submitted to Cynthia Yee via mail or fax at (503) 378-5156 no later than **August 19** at 5 PM.

For assistance, email [Regional ESD Support Partner](#).

To sign up for the  
AA Update, email  
Cari White at  
[cari.white@state.or.us](mailto:cari.white@state.or.us)



### Key AYP Dates

- **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, ext. 1430

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**1,613,907**  
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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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### OAKS Online Secure Browsers

OAKS Online Secure Browsers for Windows, Linux, Mac 10.4-10.6 and Mac OS 10.3 are available to download from the OAKS Portal at: <http://www.oaks.k12.or.us/browsers/default.html>.

If you have questions, please contact your [regional ESD partner](#).

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### Student Centered Staging to Close for AYP Final Processing

Student Centered Staging will be closed for editing the 2009-2010 test records on Friday, **August 20** at 12:01 AM for final AYP processing. Secure Assessment Reports will also be unavailable during this time.

Student Staging 2009-2010 records will re-open by noon on Monday, **August 30**. Science, writing, ELPA, and social sciences records will be editable at that time; math and reading records will be read-only (i.e., downloadable but not editable).