

## K-8 District Test Coordinator Bulletin May 2020

*Note: Please maintain a copy or have access to all articles throughout the year for your reference. Past K-8 newsletters are located at this [link](#).*

### New! OELPA Scores

Results of the Spring 2020 Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA) administration will be reported to districts in the [Online Reporting System](#) on **May 11, 2020**.

All students who submitted tests will receive scores and a proficiency status of Proficient, Progressing or Emerging. This includes those students who did not complete all required domain tests due to the ordered school-building closure, or other reasons such as spring break or absence. Questions regarding English learners who have untested domains due to the ordered school-building closure require federal guidance. Until guidance is received, students receive the indicated scores.

- **Students who score Proficient.** Students who achieve a proficiency status of Proficient will exit English learner status and be reclassified accordingly.
- **Students who score Progressing or Emerging.** For students who achieve a proficiency status of Progressing or Emerging, schools will determine and provide the appropriate services to ensure students' development of English language proficiency and access to the curriculum.

Printed OELPA Family Reports, originally planned for delivery the week of June 8, 2020, will be sent to districts when school buildings reopen.

For questions about the Spring 2020 OELPA results, please email [statetests@education.ohio.gov](mailto:statetests@education.ohio.gov).

### New! ELPA21 Resources for Remote English Learner Instruction.

To support English learners' learning at home, ELPA21 has curated a collection of [resources for families and educators of English learners](#). The collection includes ELPA21 practice tests (with instructions in multiple languages) and a variety of language learning resources.

### New! Return of AASCD Spring 2020 Testing Materials

Districts are requested to return spring 2020 AASCD secure testing materials to the vendor when the district feels it is safe to return to the building to do so. Districts that are returning materials should contact the Ohio Help Desk at 1-877-231-7809 and select option 7, or email the Ohio Help Desk at [ohhelpdesk@air.org](mailto:ohhelpdesk@air.org) and provide the date and time range for the pickup (please provide the earliest available pickup time and the latest). Districts may also drop-off their secure materials directly to a UPS store for return shipment.

Districts that are not returning to the building within the next few weeks should continue to retain the materials under the proper security procedures that are outlined in the [AASCD Test Administration Manual](#) until such time as they can return them safely.

Secure test materials for the AASCD are the following:

- test booklets
- stimulus booklets
- paper response options (including the plastic bags that they were packaged in)

- optional student response forms (if used)

### **Online Testing Technology: 2020-2021**

Reminder: Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 7, Windows Server 2008 and 2008 R2 after Jan. 14, 2020. Microsoft will no longer provide security patches or updates for these operating systems. When an operating system manufacturer ends support for an operating system in the middle of the school year, the Department maintains support for that operating system until the end of the school year. Testing support for Windows 7 will no longer be available after the 2019-2020 school year. Schools and districts that have not upgraded from Windows 7 by the end of the school year must plan to do so before the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

### **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update on Ordered School-Building Closure**

The Department continues to provide updates on the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information](#) webpage. Recent additions provide information on graduation ceremonies and gifted education.

[Updates for state testing information](#) cover multiple testing programs and available resources. Questions regarding the status and details for summer testing are pending. The Department will provide updates as they become available and as we achieve a better understanding of the future impact of the current crisis.