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*A special edition from the Office of Curriculum and Assessment****Guidance for Reading Diagnostic Assessments updated***

More information about the requirement within the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee to administer a reading diagnostic assessment of all students in kindergarten through grade three is included in an updated guidance document posted [here](#). As you will remember, these assessments must be completed by Sept. 30, 2012. Please note that the Fall Ohio Achievement Assessment in Third-Grade Reading may not be used to meet the requirements of the Third-Grade Reading Guarantee. Related resources also appear on the Web page noted above, which is accessible from [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov), keyword search: *Third-Grade Reading Guarantee*.

***Accepting nominations for Diagnostic Assessment K-3 Committees:***

ODE is accepting nomination forms for three Diagnostic Assessment K-Grade 3 committees, which will meet at different times this fall in Columbus:

- Grades K-1 Diagnostics Committee for English Language Arts (ELA) will meet on Tues. Sept. 18;
- Grades 2-3 Diagnostics Committee for ELA will meet on Thursday, Oct. 4 and Friday, Oct. 5; and
- Grades K-2 Diagnostics Committee for Mathematics will meet on Thursday, Oct. 4 and Friday, Oct. 5.

The purpose of these one-time committee meetings is to review and evaluate grades K-3 diagnostic questions/prompts and related diagnostic materials for ELA and mathematics. This process is aimed at ensuring that each question is a valid and appropriate measure of the Common Core Standards for that particular subject area and grade level.

If you are interested in serving on one of the Diagnostics K-3 committees, please complete [the online form](#), and include the desired grade level and content area. Submissions are due on Friday, Sept. 7 for the Grades K-1 ELA Diagnostic Committee; and Friday, Sept. 21 for the Grades 2-3 ELA and Grades K-2 Mathematics Diagnostic Committees. Nominees will receive notification of their status the week following the respective submission deadline. Questions may be directed to Marie-Elena Hall at (614) 387-0223 or [marie-elena.hall@education.ohio.gov](mailto:marie-elena.hall@education.ohio.gov).

***Sample science and social studies test questions temporarily offline***

The Aug. 20 edition of ODE's EdConnection newsletter described sample questions aimed at providing a view of what new statewide assessments might look like when they are implemented in 2014-2015, along with Ohio's new learning standards. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the science and social studies sample items mentioned in the newsletter currently are not available for viewing. Over the next few weeks, agency vendor American Institutes for Research has agreed to build and host a non-password protected website so these items can be easily available for public viewing. We will share that link with you when the sample science and social studies questions are available. In the meantime, the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) has released a set of sample test items for English language arts and mathematics [here](#).

***Correction: dates related to Grade 3 OAA in Reading***

The August issue of Ides of ODE incorrectly stated, "Districts may review orders for the Fall Grade 3 Reading OAA, as well as submit the Pre-ID file layout until the window closes in TIDE on Aug. 22." The on-time order window for Grade 3 OAA Reading test materials did conclude on Aug. 22. The Pre-ID submission window in [TIDE](#) for this assessment, however, remains open until Wednesday, **Sept. 5**. The dates were correctly listed in the August K-8 Monthly Newsletter to test coordinators.

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