

## DISTRICT TEST COORDINATOR NEWSLETTER

# K - 8 Assessments



JUNE 2014

You are receiving this newsletter because you are on record as a district test coordinator at the American Institutes for Research (AIR). As a district test coordinator you are **responsible for sharing this information**, as appropriate, with other staff in your district. Previous *K-8 District Test Coordinator* newsletters are online. Go to [education.ohio.gov](http://education.ohio.gov) and search keyword “*newsletters*.”

### Summer Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA)

A special edition newsletter was sent in May to provide information on the Grade 3 summer reading administration. Please check this special edition newsletter for complete information on the Grade 3 summer administration. The Summer OAA edition is posted at this [link](#).

### Spring 2014 OAA Grade 3 Invalidation Window in EMIS

Grade 3 invalidations must be submitted through EMIS. All invalidations for Grades 4-8 not submitted in TIDE must be submitted through EMIS. Any district that used a breach form **must** submit a request for invalidation for the test that was compromised. If one subject (all grades) or two subjects (Grades 5 and 8) are compromised, an invalidation must be submitted for the compromised subject(s). If all subjects are compromised, the document must be marked “Do Not Score” and returned with the non-scorable materials. Districts may contact the Office of Curriculum and Assessment if there are any questions about a request for invalidation.

### OAA Rescore and Verification Requests

**Grade 3** OAA results will be available electronically on **June 16** for those documents that are returned on-time and according to the special return instructions.

**Grades 4-8** results will be available electronically on **June 23** for documents that are returned on-time and according to the return instructions. Due to the extension for the calamity days this past winter, the dates for rescoring and verifications have changed.

Dates for Grade 3:

- Requests submitted **June 16-20** will have results posted no later than **July 3**.

Dates for Grades 4-8:

- Requests submitted **June 23-25** will have results posted no later than **July 10**.

Requests for **rescores** must be submitted for each subject area the district wants rescored for the student. Districts must continue to review the return of the results through TIDE. The vendor or the Ohio Department of Education **will NOT enter** into EMIS any scores changed through the rescore process. Requests for **verifications** can be made for the following reasons:

- Missing student test results (a student score is missing OR a student score has been incorrectly assigned to a district)
- An incorrect score assignment (a student score has been exchanged with another student score in the same district or a student received more than one score in the same subject)
- An invalid test score assignment (a student received a “did not attempt” or DNA on a test that he or she took, or a student received a score on a test that he or she did not take)

Please note that there is a \$25 charge for each rescore request that results in no score change; there is a \$25 charge for each verification request. A purchase order number is required at the time the rescore or verification is submitted. Purchase orders for OAA appeals should be payable to Pearson and mailed to the following address: Pearson, 2510 North Dodge Street, Iowa City, IA 52245.

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### Summer OAA 2014

A summer administration of the Grade 3 Reading OAA will be offered **July 7-11**. The administration is directed to students who have not scored at 392 or above and *are not eligible* for promotion to Grade 4 unless the student meets the criteria for an exemption to retention:

- a student with an IEP which states the exemption from retention;
- an English language learner who has been enrolled in U.S. schools for less than three full years and has received less than three full years of intervention;
- a student who has received intensive remediation for two years and was previously retained in Kindergarten through the third grade; or,
- has scored at the designated level on an alternative Grade 3 reading test.

A participation survey will be available from June 16-19, during which time districts can confirm whether they intend to participate in the summer OAA. If districts indicate they will be participating, they do not need to order any testing materials. The vendor will send materials to the district equal to the number of students who did not reach a score of 392. If districts need additional testing materials, additional orders can be placed through the Ohio Help desk June 20-July 10, **not through TIDE**; the cutoff for orders will be July 10 no later than noon. The downloadable results will be available August 15.

### Assessment Keywords

For a list of keywords and short descriptions for assessment information on the Ohio Department of Education's website, please go to this [link](#).

### Community Schools and Change of Address

The Office of Curriculum and Assessment has received notices of address changes from community schools, but is unable to assist making these changes. [Here](#) are the instructions for the sponsor of the community school to make an address change.

### Third Grade Reading Guarantee

There are multiple opportunities for Grade 3 students to be assessed in terms of their grade-level reading skills. The OAA was administered in fall 2013 and in spring 2014 and will be administered in summer 2014. The test dates for the OAA 2014 summer administration are posted at this [link](#). The summer OAA schedule is listed on the *Key Dates* section at the end of this newsletter. Please note the summer intervention and the summer Grade 3 OAA reading test is optional.

There are alternative Grade 3 reading tests that are optional for districts/schools at a cost that will not be assumed by the state. Either district/school or parents will assume the cost. The alternative Grade 3 reading test is a vendor test. Schools must follow the vendor schedule and instructions. The approved alternative Grade 3 reading tests are:

- Iowa Assessments Form F Level 9 (Grade 3) promotion score 169;
- Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)-Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) promotion score 181;
- Terra Nova 3 promotion score 593.

Additional information may be found at this [link](#).



## Reporting Accelerated Students' Spring 2014 Test Results

Students who were accelerated in a grade for a subject beyond their enrolled grade level may have taken an achievement test in that accelerated grade/subject. Each student who took an achievement test in an accelerated grade/subject will receive an individual score report for that subject in the tested grade level. In some cases, these students may have tested in several subjects at their enrolled grade level and/or at their accelerated grade. For example, a student enrolled in Grade 4 may take Grade 4 mathematics and may be accelerated to Grade 5 reading. This student will receive two individual score reports, one containing the Grade 4 mathematics score and a "did not attempt" or "DNA" for Grade 4 reading. The other score report will contain a Grade 5 reading score for that student and a "did not attempt" or "DNA" for mathematics and science. Districts should verify all test scores before each district reports these scores into the EMIS year-end reporting system. Please direct questions on the acceleration policy to Mike Demczyk or Beth Hahn in the Office for Exceptional Children at 614-466-2650.

## Revised Diagnostic Assessments

Districts and community schools are required to administer diagnostic assessments for all students enrolled in the following subjects and grade levels:

- Reading: Kindergarten through Grade 3 by Sept. 30;
- Mathematics: Grades 1 and 2; and
- Writing: Grades 1-3.

Districts may administer the mathematics and writing diagnostics at any time during the school year.

Please direct any questions on the diagnostic assessments to Sara Allen at 614-387-7722 or [sara.allen@education.ohio.gov](mailto:sara.allen@education.ohio.gov); Kevin Draper at 614-728-4170 or [kevin.draper@education.ohio.gov](mailto:kevin.draper@education.ohio.gov); or Paula Mahaley at 614-466-0217 or [paula.mahaley@education.ohio.gov](mailto:paula.mahaley@education.ohio.gov).

## Diagnostic Assessment Reminders

There have been many questions on the revised Ohio Department of Education Diagnostic Assessments. Please note the following information:

- The **2012** Ohio Department of Education Diagnostic Assessments are *no longer valid* and **must not** be used to meet the requirements of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.
- The 2013 Ohio Department of Education Diagnostic Assessments are not the same as the 2012 Ohio Department of Education Diagnostic Assessments in terms of format, use of standards and administration time period.
- There are two formats for the 2013 Ohio Department of Education Diagnostic Assessments:  **Screener** is intended to be used at the beginning of the year;  **Full Measure** is intended to be used at the end of the year. There is no Short Screener for 2013.
- Students identified with significant cognitive disabilities may be exempt from the administration of the reading diagnostic assessments only. These students must be administered the mathematics and writing diagnostic assessments; there is no exemption for these two subjects.

## Accessing Success or Ohio Online Assessment Reporting System (OOARS) with Internet Explorer 10

If you have difficulty accessing Success or OOARS with Internet Explorer 10, here is the [link](#) for more information.

## Parent/Legal Guardian Viewing Policy

Parents/legal guardians of students who wish to review student response documents from statewide assessments may do so only under the supervision of Ohio Department of Education personnel. [Here](#) is the policy.



## Rumor Control

“It is mandated that districts offer the summer Grade 3 OAA Reading test.”

No, it is **optional** for districts to offer the summer Grade 3 OAA Reading test. Districts are highly encouraged to offer the test for those students who have not scored at the promotion score of 392.

## OHIO'S NEXT GENERATION ASSESSMENTS

### School Year 2014-2015 Information

#### 2014-2015 Test Dates

The [test dates](#) for the 2014-2015 school year are posted on the Ohio Department of Education website. Please note that districts/schools are allowed only a 20-*consecutive school day* test window. While the dates indicate a 25-school day test window, the extra five days were included for those districts/schools that have a spring break in the test window. The five-week test window allows a district/school a spring break and the four weeks of testing.

#### Websites for Next Generation Assessments

Please go to this [link](#) for information on the English language arts and mathematics tests developed by PARCC.

Please go to this [link](#) for information on the science and social studies tests developed by Ohio.

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**Key Dates**

Spring 2014 OAA	
<b>June 16</b>	Downloadable data files available – <b>Grade 3</b> materials returned on time
<b>June 16</b>	Rescore and verification window opens in TIDE for <b>Grade 3</b> students who were reported on time
<b>June 20</b>	Deadline for submitting <b>Grade 3</b> appeals in order to receive results by July 3 (prior to the Summer 2014 Grade 3 Reading OAA administration)
<b>June 23</b>	Downloadable data files available – <b>Grades 4-8</b> materials returned on time and <b>Grade 3</b> materials returned by May 21
<b>June 23</b>	Rescore and verification window opens in TIDE for <b>Grades 4-8</b> students who were reported on time and for <b>Grade 3</b> students who were reported on June 23
<b>June 25</b>	Deadline for submitting appeals in order to receive results by <b>July 10</b> (prior to the EMIS deadline)
<b>July 3</b>	Downloadable data files available for all students whose materials were returned late – Late Batch
<b>July 9</b>	Printed reports due in district
<b>July 10</b>	Downloadable data files available for students who used Breach Forms
<b>July 23</b>	Rescore and verifications window closes in TIDE for all students

Summer 2014 OAA	
June 16-19 (closes at 6:00 p.m.)	Participation confirmation survey open
Week of June 30	Test materials due in districts
July 3	Pre-ID labels due in districts
June 20-July 10 (closes at noon)	Additional order window (additional orders will be placed through the Ohio Help Desk)
<b>July 7-11</b>	<b>OAA Summer 2014 administration</b>
July 14	Deadline for returning scorable and non-scorable materials (there is no automatic pickup)
August 15	Downloadable data results posted on the Ohio Online Assessment Reporting System



**Spring 2014 Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA)  
Testing Window Extension  
Frequently Asked Questions  
June 2014**

**1. Will the OAA testing window extension impact the score report dates?**

Yes. The new schedule for spring 2014 OAA reporting is listed below. Note that results for third graders whose materials are returned on time and according to the instructions provided by Pearson will be reported first. Results for students in Grades 4-8 whose materials were returned on time will be reported one week later. Late batch results and results for students who were administered breach materials will be released on the dates listed in the table.

<b>Spring 2014 OAA Reporting</b>	<i>OLD</i>	<b>NEW</b>
Downloadable data files available for students in <b>Grade 3</b> whose materials were returned on time	<i>June 15</i>	<b>June 16</b>
Downloadable data files available for students in <b>Grades 4-8</b> whose materials were returned on time and for students in <b>Grade 3</b> whose materials were returned by <b>May 21</b>	<i>June 15</i>	<b>June 23</b>
Downloadable data files available for all students whose materials were returned late – Late Batch	<i>June 26</i>	<b>July 3</b>
Printed Reports due in district	<i>June 30</i>	<b>July 9</b>
Downloadable data files available for students who used Breach Forms	<i>July 2</i>	<b>July 10</b>

**2. Will districts be able to request rescues or verifications?**

Yes. Key dates for spring 2014 OAA rescues and verifications are listed below. Districts that need appeal results in advance of the summer 2014 OAA administration and/or before the EMIS deadline must be mindful of the rescore and verification deadlines listed in the table.

<b>Spring 2014 OAA Rescues and Verifications</b>	<b>NEW</b>
Rescore and verification window opens in TIDE for <b>Grade 3</b> students who were reported on time	<b>June 16</b>
Deadline for submitting <b>Grade 3</b> rescues/verifications in order to receive results by <b>July 3</b> (prior to the summer 2014 Grade 3 Reading OAA administration)	<b>June 20</b>
Rescore and verification window opens in TIDE for <b>Grades 4-8</b> students who were reported on time and for <b>Grade 3</b> students who were reported on <b>June 23</b>	<b>June 23</b>
Deadline for submitting appeals in order to receive results by July 10 (prior to the EMIS deadline)	<b>June 25</b>
Rescore and verifications window closes in TIDE for all students	<b>July 23</b>