

Note: New articles/information or articles that have been updated since the previous newsletter will have “NEW!” in the title of the article. Articles will not be repeated more than 2-3 months. Please maintain a copy or have access to all articles throughout the year for your reference.

9-12 District Test Coordinator Bulletin July 2019

Key Dates

Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS) 2018-2019

July 12 **OELPS administration closes @ 11:59 p.m.**
July 13-31 OELPS offline for maintenance

Spring 2019 Ohio’s State Tests (OST) – High School End-of-Course

July 24 Printed Family Reports due in district
July 25 Rescore and verification window closes

Summer 2019 Ohio’s State Tests (OST) – High School End-of-Course

July 15-26 **OST summer 2019 online high school end-of-course administration**
July 26 Deadline to request printed score report labels in [TIDE](#)
September 4 Results available in [Online Reporting System \(ORS\)](#)
September 4-October 24 Rescore window open
September 30 Printed Family Reports due in district

2018-2019 Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)

July 31 **OGT 2018-2019 test administration closes @ 8 p.m.**
July 31 OGT Pre-ID window closes in [TIDE](#) @ 8 p.m.
July 31 OGT [Data Entry Interface \(DEI\)](#) closes @ 8 p.m.

2019-2020 Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)

September 3 **OGT 2019-2020 test administration window opens**

2019-2020 Testing Dates

The [2019-2020 testing dates](#) have been posted to the Ohio Department of Education web-site.

OST, OELPS, OELPA, AASCD and OGT

WorkKeys Reimbursement

You can find information about WorkKeys reimbursement on our new [Reimbursement for WorkKeys Tests webpage](#). Please have your 2018-2019 application for WorkKeys reimbursement uploaded into the WorkKeys Reimbursement Portal by June 30, 2019. If you have not yet uploaded your reimbursement application for 2017-2018, please contact Noël Nethers immediately. You can contact Noël with any reimbursement questions or challenges at noel.nethers@education.ohio.gov or 614-728-2759.

Translator Reimbursement for Ohio’s State Tests

There has been a change in the Translation Reimbursement Policy. The translation reimbursement amount has increased. It is now \$90 per translated test administration for each part of the test for Ohio's State Tests and the Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities and \$180 per translated test administration for Ohio Graduation Tests. Please refer to the [Translation Reimbursement Guidance Document](#) for additional information on the policy.

Please have your reimbursement application for the 2018-2019 school year submitted by June 30, 2019. The reimbursement application is new. You can find it with the guidance document on the [Documents and Forms page](#) of our website. If you have any questions or challenges, please contact Noël Nethers at noel.nethers@education.ohio.gov or (614) 728-2759.

Scheduled System Maintenance

AIR will be conducting periodic maintenance of the testing systems to ensure system stability and reliability throughout the school year. These maintenance periods will occur approximately once a month on Saturday and **can last up to 24 hours**. During a maintenance period, some or all systems may be inaccessible, including:

- TIDE;
- Student Testing Site and Practice Test Site;
- TA Interface and TA Practice Site;
- Online Reporting System;
- Teacher Hand Scoring System;
- Data Entry Interface;
- TA Certification Course;
- Assessment Systems Inbox.

The next maintenance date is scheduled for **Saturday, July 13, beginning at 9 a.m.** Please watch the [portal](#) for announcements regarding upcoming scheduled maintenance dates.

Technology Preparation for 2019-2020 School Year

The [Technology Preparation for 2019-2020](#) document is available on the portal. This document provides advanced notice about how system requirements, supported operating system and supported browsers will change for the 2019-2020 school year. It should assist districts with planning their technology for the next school year.

Ohio's State Tests – English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies

New! Practice Tests

On **July 31**, the practice tests on the portal will be updated with newly released items from spring 2019 tests.

Spring 2019

Rescore and Verification Window

Districts will have an opportunity to submit rescore and verification requests in TIDE until **July 25**. Review the [Rescores and Verifications Guidance document](#) for instructions.

A district can submit **rescore** requests in TIDE if it believes a student's score does not reflect expected student achievement. There is a \$25 charge for processing rescore requests unless the rescore results in a score change.

A district can submit **verification** requests if the following applies:

- (1) The district believes the student tested and did not receive a score; or
- (2) The district believes a score was incorrectly assigned to a student (this verification type only applies to students who took paper tests).

Discrepancy Resolution Window

Districts will have an opportunity to resolve discrepant records in TIDE. District test coordinators must sign in to the “Ohio State Tests 2018-2019” administration of TIDE and check the Discrepancy Resolution Task to resolve any records that require resolution. Review the [Discrepancy Resolution Guide](#) for instructions. Districts must resolve all discrepant records. *Unresolved records will not be reported.*

Spring 2019 Score Reporting

District results for students who took the spring 2019 Ohio’s State Tests online were posted in the [Online Reporting System](#) (ORS) on **June 3**. Students whose answer documents were returned to DRC according to the instructions in the manual were posted **June 24**. Scores for students who tested using a breach form will be posted by **July 8**. Records that require discrepancy resolution will be reported after the records are resolved in TIDE.

Summer 2019 High School End-of-Course Administration

Test Administration

Summer testing is optional, and the administration window is **July 15-26**. Students, schools and districts may elect to participate or not participate. The summer 2019 administration is an online test administration with all subjects available.

The summer Test Administration Manual is available for download on the [Administration Manuals and Guidance Documents](#) page of the portal. The manual must be reviewed by test coordinators and test administrators prior to the summer 2019 administration. The manual includes key information regarding scheduling, test security, staff responsibilities and other important policies and procedures.

Pre-ID Window

Districts must ensure all participating students are preidentified in TIDE in advance of the test window and have the appropriate subject mode field set to “O” for online. Refer to the [Guidance Document for 2018-2019 Ohio Pre-ID files](#) for more information.

Secure Browser for Summer Testing

The secure browser used for spring 2019 online testing should continue to be used for summer testing. Refer to the [technology resources](#) page for more information.

Score Report Labels

Districts that wish to receive a set of high school summer 2019 test score report labels must access the Score Report Label Requests task in the Ohio State Tests 2018-2019 administration in TIDE, select “Yes” and click save by **July 26**. All districts automatically receive printed Family Reports. If your district does not want to receive score report labels, no action is required.

Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT)

NEW! Test Administration

The last day to administer the 2018-2019 Ohio Graduation Tests is **Wednesday, July 31**. All online testing and the test administrator entry in the DEI must be complete by **8 p.m. on July 31**. Administration of the 2019-2020 Ohio Graduation Tests will begin **Tuesday, Sept. 3**.

Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities

[AASCD 2.0 Test Blueprints](#)

The AASCD 2.0 test blueprints currently are available on the [Alternate Assessment page](#) of the Department's website and will be available under the [General Resources](#) page on the AASCD portal on **July 31**. These blueprints serve as a guide for test construction and provide an outline of the content and skills to be measured on the AASCD 2.0 tests. They include the learning standards grouped under each reporting category, what the item range is for each reporting category and the total test items.

Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS)

[July Screening](#)

The OELPS will remain posted through **July 12**, 2019. AIR originally had scheduled OELPS maintenance the entire month of July. After discussion, however, AIR has reduced the maintenance period to two weeks. The two weeks of added OELPS time will allow districts to screen in the summer students entering school for the first time for school year 2019-2020.