



GIFTED AND TALENTED

SERVICE NEWSLETTER

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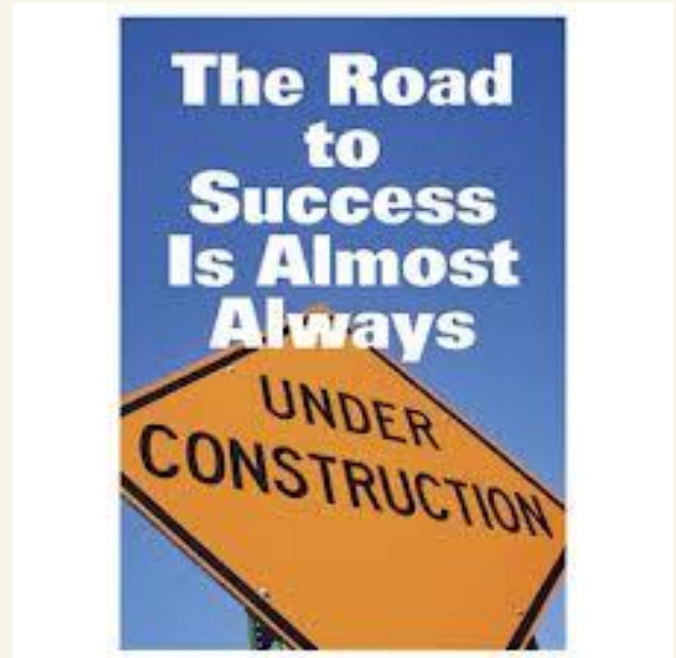


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Administrative Edition

IMPORTANT REMINDER: ID SERVICE PLAN

- Districts that have not yet turned in their updated Service and ID plans to me or ODE need to do so as soon as possible. I will send a link via email.
 - ODE plans to submit this information into district STARS accounts so information can be easily accessed and will eventually roll over into self-reports. The new template must be used.
 - Any changes in ID or service at any time require this form to be resubmitted.
 - Information from this can be used on parent brochures and district handbooks.



ODE TESTING UPDATES

Lameduck ends December 18. Impacts include:

- Waiver has been APPROVED for one year on testing for accelerated students.
 - Students will only be required to take the test for the course they are enrolled in
 - Results of tests will be included with their grade band, not the area they are testing in. For example, results for an 8th grader taking the Algebra I exam will be included in results for 8th graders taking the 8th grade test.
- 3rd Grade Guarantee: Students who score below a 394 will (at this time) be required to take the OAA reading but will have to take the PARCC math assessment. There is discussion that all 3rd graders may be required to take both PARCC assessments.
- EOC Science testing may be changing from Physical Science to Biology. Students may be tested in both courses for a couple years. The change to Biology is most likely to happen in spring 2015.
- National Standardized Assessment (for College and Career Readiness) has not been selected. SAT and ACT tests (current versions) do not contain all components needed per legislation. New versions have been submitted for possible approval.
- Information regarding amount of testing, efficiency and time used for testing as well as No Child Left Behind will be reviewed by State Superintendent by Jan. 15. Amount of testing and/or testing requirements are subject to change.

GIFTED UPDATES

Testing Updates:

- Meeting to discuss approved tests for gifted identification. Hold off purchasing assessment until approvals are made if possible.
 - Stanford Edition 10 will no longer be scored by company after the 2015-2016 school year. Hand scoring will still be permitted.
 - It is being “replaced” by ACT Aspire; however this is not yet on the approved testing list for gifted ID
 - Stanford Edition 10 will most likely be removed from the approved testing list
 - Stanford Edition 10 will continue to be score for grades K-2
- Reminder: CogAT Form 6 is no longer on the approved testing list for gifted identification.
- Woodcock Johnson III will not be valid next year; however, WJ IV is not on the approved testing list yet.

Other Updates:

- Clarification by ODE: Students who are reported as serviced in more than 1 area still only count as 1 on the report card in the academic areas. For example: a student serviced in reading and science will only count 1 time even though they are serviced in 2 areas. There is discussion this will change. That student still counts in the visual arts, economics and minorities sections as well.
- EMIS Coordinators should continually enter gifted ID and service changes
 - Reporting may be prorated so data entry needs to be continuous
 - Students entered midyear will count on the report card if entered into EMIS
 - ID and service dates need to be accurate
- ID and Service plans need submitted to ODE for approval using the new template
- ODE is working on guidelines and examples for WEPs in high school courses
- ODE is working on PD for classroom teachers
- ODE has developed a new auditing process and will be selected districts to pilot the audit in Spring 2015

ACT ASPIRE

What is it?

- Standardized based assessment which monitors students growth and progress in the context of college and career readiness. For grades 3-10 and anchored by the ACT Exam in 11th grade.
 - Provides indicators of readiness based on student performance for curriculum planning
- Partnership with Pearson, which will migrate in MAP and other Pearson Assessments
- Includes English, Math, Reading, Science and Writing assessments incorporating selected response, construction response and technology enhanced questions
- Computer-based and paper-pencil formats
- 5 Tests ranging from 30-60 minutes per test. Can purchase any combination of tests and administer in any combination of time.
- 2 Versions: Summative (similar to Plan and Explore) and Periodic Tests, which include 3 benchmarks test and weekly tests teachers can use that will cover 1-3 standard based questions to monitor students’ progress
- Replacing Stanford Edition 10 Tests in grades 3-12.
- Primary edition to be developed.

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CHANGES IN SAT / PSAT

New assessment suite includes:

- PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10 (Spring – only to 10th graders), PSAT/NMSQT (Fall – 10th and 11th grade), and SAT
 - PSAT/NMSQT is still qualifying test for National Merit
 - **Partnering with Khan Academy.** Information from test will upload to Khan Academy and create a learning path and lessons based on their performance to practice and extend student learning.
 - Available for ALL tests in suite.
 - Includes free highly qualified test prep programs and practice tests

Changes and Updates:

- Changing because it needs to be more than a test
 - 3 Guiding factors:
 1. Propel students into opportunities they have earned.
 2. Protect opportunity from pressures of inequality.
 3. Promote excellent classroom work and accelerate students who are behind.
- 7 Key changes
 1. Tier 2 vocabulary incorporated, using context clues; 2. Command of evidence using text to support answers; 3. Essay is analyzing a source – no long opinion; 4. Math: Problem solving and data analysis, Heart of Algebra (mastery of linear equations), Passport to Advanced Math (familiarity with more complex equations), Real World Context – charts, graphs, etc. applies to science of social studies content, and multistep applications; 5. Social Students/Science: Use reading, writing and math skills to answer questions; 6. Reading passages are taken from existing text (1 founding document or great global conversation); 7. No penalty for wrong answers. All standards based.
- Prompts, rubrics and scoring will be released to teachers in May
- New PSAT will be available in Fall 2015
- Test prep is available online
- Essay on SAT is now optional and will be scores separate

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TEST ETHICS

Prior to Testing:

- ODE Approved Testing List: Only tests on this list can be used for gifted identification. **If you use a test from this list, you must identify students as gifted if they meet criteria.** List can be found [here](#).
- Consent: Individual and small groups of students require permission. Whole grade testing does not require permission.
- Choosing the appropriate test. The same test should not be used within 2 years unless it is leveled by grade.
- Read testing manuals carefully to make sure testing administered is qualified.
- Tests should be stored properly in a locked cabinet and the key secured.
- Test reviews can be found on INFO Ohio using the Mental Measurements Yearbook if you are looking to purchase new tests.

Post Testing:

- Results must be shared with parents within 30 days of test administration
- Test results must become a part of student's permanent record.
- Districts need to keep answer documents and test materials for a duration determined by the district. It is recommended to keep until student graduates.
- Maintain confidentiality