Assessment Updates

Oklahoma School Testing Program

November 2026

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Session Agenda

- Programmatic Updates
- ACT
- EL Updates
- NSA
- OAAP
- Precode
- FAQs

Programmatic Updates

Catherine Boomer, Program Director, State Assessments

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2026-2027 Testing Calendar



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Resources

- **Communication**
  - OSDE Biweekly Communications
  - Assessments Gov Delivery
- **Website**
  - Webinar recordings & slide decks
  - Testing Calendar
  - Assessment materials
- **Webinars**
  - Monthly Assessment Updates
  - Required training for DTCs in February
- **Resources**
  - Cognia Help & Support page – Key Dates, Manuals, Forms
  - Oklahoma ACT webpage – webinar registration, step-by-step guides

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Updates

- **Clarification**
  - Preliminary testing deadline for paper testing: **May 19**
  - Preliminary testing deadline for ELA assessments: **May 24**

  Completing paper and ELA testing by these dates ensures preliminary results will be received. Students can continue to test after these dates but may not receive preliminary results.

- **Practice Tests**
  - Practice tests are always available, but the update will be **January 12**

Seniors Missing CCRA Exams

- OAC 210:10-13-1.1
- Seniors missing any CCRA can take make-up exams to fulfill graduation assessment requirements.
- If your district has seniors who would have graduated but did not due to missing one or more required assessments, please email the Office of Assessments at assessments@sde.ok.gov to request the necessary make-up exams.

Make-Up CCRA Exams

Important:
These exams

- Do **not** count toward Accountability measures
- Are **not** acceptable for college admissions
- Do **not** have an OPI or ACT equivalency score
- Are intended for seniors who have completed **all other graduation requirements** except testing

NOTE: Seniors enrolled March/April 2027 should be added to the testing portals and administered the standard state assessments rather than make-up exams.

AAMP Update

- If your district has received a conditional compliance letter, all requested documentation must be submitted by **November 30.**
- Monitoring lists for Spring 2027 will be posted by the first week of March, and every superintendent and DTC will receive a notification letter that week.
- Thank you to all our districts who have completed AAMP monitoring for 2026!

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ACT – SPRING 2027

- Flexibility in scheduling
  - Have the possibility to test over two consecutive days
    - English, Math, and Reading **must** be administered on Day 1.
    - Science and Writing can be administered on Day 2.
  - Districts can still administer all the tests in one day.
- A student's composite score will reflect the student's performance on the English, Math, and Reading tests.
- The Science Test will be part of the Oklahoma State ACT.

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ACT – Upcoming Dates/Deadlines

- Test Date Selection: **December 11**
- Accommodation Requests: **February 10**
- Site Readiness: **now – February 17**
- Verify Enrollment: **January 20 – March 23**
- Create Online Test Sessions (Window 1): **February 22**
- Create Online Test Sessions (Window 2): **March 31**
- **Oklahoma ACT Webpage**

Oklahoma Spring 2027 ACT® Test Dates

Online Testing (Standard & Accommodations)	Dates
Window 1	March 23-26; March 29-April 2, 2027
Window 2	April 6-9; April 12-16, 2027
Makeup Testing Window	April 20-23; April 26-30, 2027

ACT 2026-2027 TRAINING

Accommodations Webinar:

- September 16, 2026
- Register to view

Test Administration Training #1:

- December 3, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- Register

ACT Online Readiness Webinar:

- February 4, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.
- Register

Test Administration Training #2:

- February 25, 2027, at 2:00 p.m.
- Register

ACT CONTACT INFORMATION

OKLAHOMA CALL CENTER
319-337-1599

ACT GENERAL QUESTIONS
800.553.6244 ext 2800
act.org/stateanddistrict/contactus

ACCOMMODATIONS & SUPPORTS
800.553.6244 ext 2800
ACTStateAccomms@act.org

ACT WORKKEYS

- Funding is still available
- For Oklahoma public school students in grades 10 - 12
- National Career Readiness Credentials
  - Workplace Documents
  - Applied Math
  - Graphic Literacy
- The testing window is open until **May 7, 2027,** or until funding cap is reached.
- For more information, check out the Oklahoma ACT WorkKeys webpage.

EL Updates

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OSTP English Learner Participation and Accommodations

- English Learners are not exempt from OSTP assessments.
- Online OSTP assessments are available in Spanish in all grade levels and content areas except ELA.
- Paper OSTP assessments are only available in English.
- For additional information regarding specific EL student testing accommodations and their allowability, please refer to the OSTP EL Accommodations Manual.

WIDA Testing Window

- The WIDA testing window will be open from **January 5, 2027,** through **March 12, 2027.**
- All K-12 English Learner (EL) students are required to participate in the ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS assessment.
- EL students will be automatically uploaded to the WIDA AMS system on **December 1, 2026**.
- For assistance with any WIDA or EL-related questions, please contact the OSDE Office of English Language Proficiency at oelp@sde.ok.gov.

OELP’s 2026-2027 WIDA ACCESS Assessments Overview

- This webinar will provide an overview of Oklahoma ACCESS testing. Participants will be able to ask questions during the webinar. A recording of the webinar will be posted to the OELP webpage.
- **November 18**, 12:00 PM-1:45 PM Central Time
- This webinar is supplemental to the required WIDA ACCESS certification trainings offered in the WIDA Secure Portal, and they do not take the place of WIDA's assessment trainings.

Non-Standard Accommodations (NSA)

Deb Wade, Project Manager, ELA Assessments

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Non-Standard Accommodations

- Remember that the Non-Standard Accommodation for ELA Read-Aloud or TTS must be approved by the state.
- The non-standard accommodation application is available on Single Sign On from **December 1 – February 1 annually**.
- The recording and slide deck from last year's webinar is on the website, and more resources will be coming soon.

NS2/Form U

The guidelines remain consistent:

- Any unique accommodation should be listed on a student's IEP, 504, or Health Plan.
- The accommodation should be included in both the classroom and the OSTP sections of the appropriate plan.

Please see below for updates on what **does not** require a Form U application

No Form U Application is Needed for Standard Accommodations

- These include changes in setting, timing, presentation, or response.
- Some **examples** are:
- Large-print or Braille editions of the test
- Dictating responses to a scribe
- Frequent breaks
- Assistive technology, such as color overlays or multiplication charts

No Form U Application is Needed for Calming/Sensory Tools

- Some **examples** are:
- Fidget devices
- Bouncy chairs
- Elastic chair bands
- Stuffed animals
- Blankets
- Chew toys

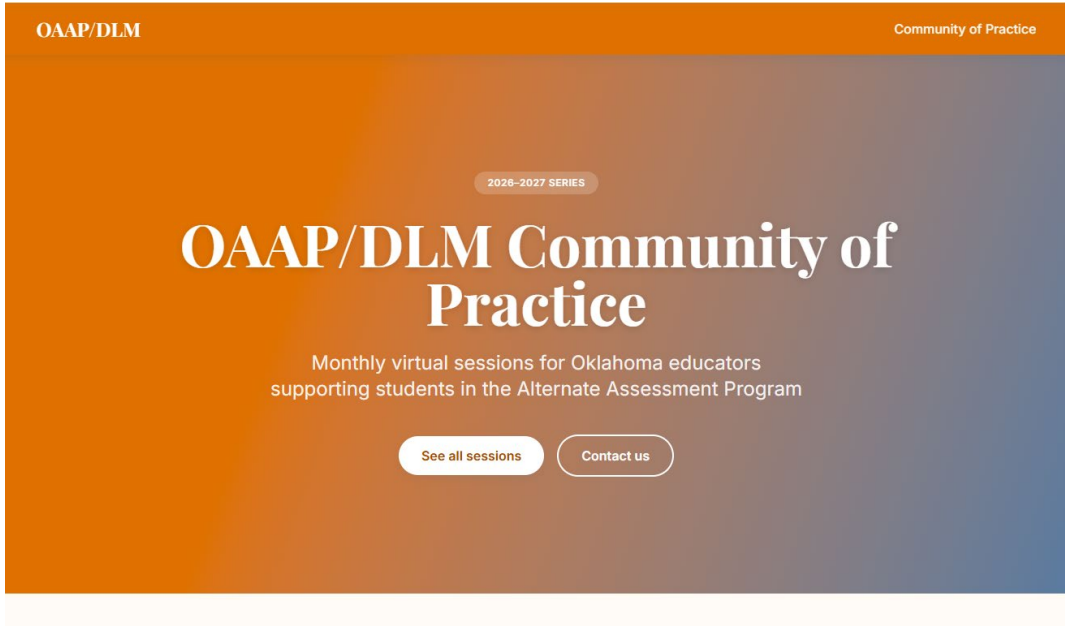
OAAP Updates

Angela Kelly, Project Director, OAAP

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OAAP – Community of Practice

- Session 4 registration open
- **Thursday, December 10, 2026,** at 3:30 PM
- Tiffany Massie, BS, ATP, and Sheryl Hazelbaker, M.Ed., MA, NBCT, ATP, from OATECA
- Instructional Strategies for students participating in OAAP



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Oklahoma Alternate Assessment Program (OAAP) Tiered Monitoring Information

- Public Notice and Comment Period for the 2026-2027 1.0 Percent Waiver Extension Request
- Public comments must be submitted no later than **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2026**.
- Public Comment Feedback Form for the 2026-2027 1% Extension Waiver Request
- Identification letters are expected to be sent in December.
- Justification for Exceeding 1.0 Percent Survey is due **March 2, 2027**.

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Precode

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Precode Window:

Now through January 11, 2027

- Purpose: Verify student information before it is uploaded into testing vendors' systems. Precode is done in the Accountability Reporting application.

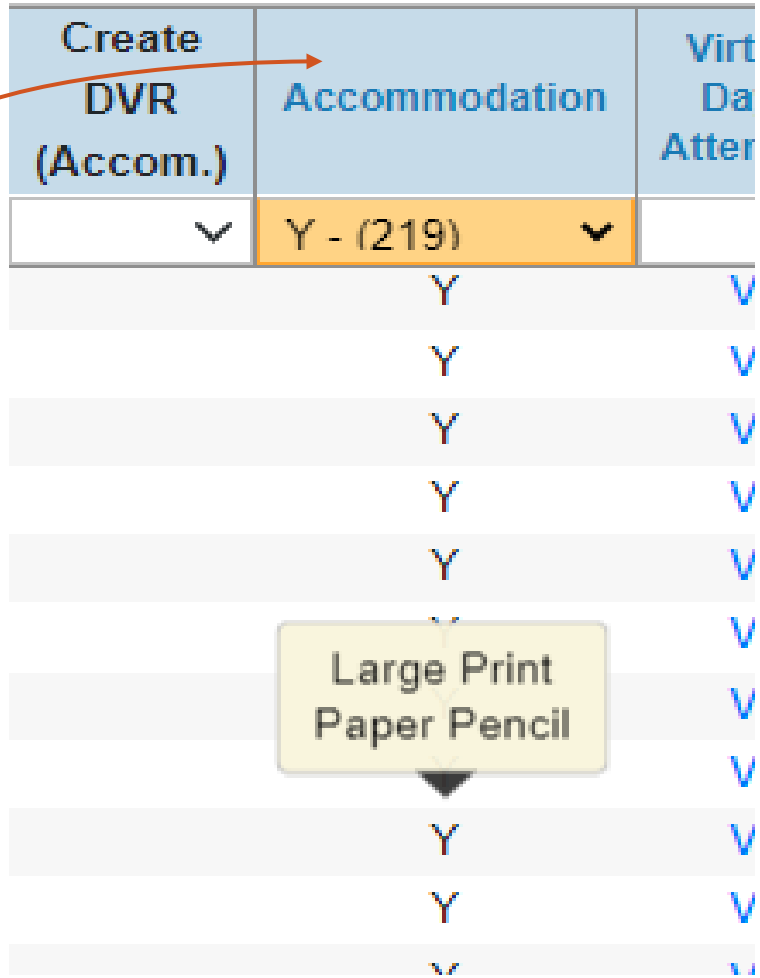
- The following fields must be accurate:
  - State Testing Number (STN)
  - First, Last Name (ensure names are spelled correctly)
  - Birthdate (ensure birthdate is accurate)
  - Grade
  - EL Status/IEP Status/504 Plans
  - Enrollment date/Fullcode

Testing Accommodations

- The only testing accommodations that will automatically transfer after Precode closes are paper/pencil, large-print, and Braille.
- All other testing accommodations that need to be provided on test day will have to be configured in the OSTP Data Portal after the students have been uploaded to the portal by Cognia.

Accountability Reporting Application

- To view Accommodations in Accountability Reporting (AR), go to Student Data ➡ Students. The only OSTP testing accommodations that appear in the Accommodation column are paper/pencil, large-print, and Braille.



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IEP Status Change (not showing in AR)

- If a student still is not showing up as being on an IEP in the Accountability Reporting application, please contact Accountability@sde.ok.gov.

Making Changes in Accountability Reporting

- Demographic changes (e.g., name change, date of birth, grade level, IEP status, and EL status) must be made in the SIS. IEP status and 504 status must be consistent with EdPlan.

- If demographic changes have not transferred over to AR after 48 hours, please contact studentdatainfo@sde.ok.gov to ensure that your SIS is set up properly.

Accommodation Changes

- Braille, Large-Print, or Paper/Pencil Accommodation changes must be properly designated in EdPlan first for these to appear in the Accountability Reporting Application.
- If the Braille, Large-Print, or Paper/Pencil Accommodation is still not showing up after 48 hours, please email Accountability@sde.ok.gov. This is the same scenario for removing an accommodation, but it must be done properly in EdPlan first.

FAQs

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Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I get access to Pearson Access Next?**
  - Please reach out to us at SDE. The DTCs and Test Coordinators in Pearson Access Next are populated through the DTC Designation form; we recognize that there may have been changes.

- **How will my students be uploaded for Spring testing?**
  - On January 12, 2027, our Accountability Office will pull the students for your district/site and send them to the testing vendors, who will upload them into the testing platforms. **If you do not see students in ACT's Pearson Access Next by the end of January, please let us know.**

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

- **Do seniors from out of state have to take all of the CCRA?**

- Students who transfer into Oklahoma schools their senior year do not have to take our CCRA assessments if they were on track for graduation, according to the testing requirements of their former state.

- If you find that they are not on track for graduation according to their former state's testing requirements – or if you are having trouble verifying this information with their former district, then a good solution would be to enroll them in the Spring CCR Assessments to ensure they meet the graduation requirements.

DTC Duties in November

- Precode (now through **January 11**)
- Test Date Selection: ACT (**December 11**)
- Verify access to testing portals
- Submit Accommodation Requests: ACT (**February 10**)
- Prepare Documentation for Non-Standard Accommodation Request (**December 1 – February 1)**
- Procure spring calendar dates for your site/district, including activity calendars

Thank You!

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THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!!