# News from the Office of Educator Preparation

#### **Background Checks**

Immediate notice! Background check processing has moved to a new location, effective January 1, 2014. It is now located in the South Campus Gateway Building C, Suite 300 at 1590 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43201. New prices are now in effect. Both the BCI&I and FBI are required for placements.

• BCI &I & FBI Combined: \$61.70

For more information, go to: <u>http://hr.osu.edu/service/backgroungchecks.aspx</u>.

## **Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE)**

#### OAE Additional Tests Available

Additional OAE tests are available. For more information, please visit the OAE program web site at <u>www.oh.nesinc.com</u>.

- Computer Information Science
- English to Speakers of Other Languages
- School Counselor
- Science: Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Integrated Science, and Physics
- Theater

#### OAE Test Update

There are practice OAE tests available online. There are free practice questions. Also, one can purchase a full practice test online. (<u>www.oh.nesinc.com</u>)

NOTICE: The OAE tests may be retaken every 60 days. Therefore, please have your students plan time for results and possibly a re-take if necessary.

OAE Results: Early state results suggest that some tests are challenging. While we don't have enough data specific for Ohio State, tests with low State pass scores are middle mathematics, AYA mathematics and the middle social studies. REMINDER: due to privacy FERPA, individual student results data should only be shared with applicable faculty and staff.

## **Ohio Educator Performance Metrics Report**

Data on most initial licensure programs has been reported to the state by the 51 institutions. To look at the individual reports, go to <u>https://www.ohiohighered.org/2013\_ohio\_educator\_performance\_reports</u>

## Buckeye Box for sharing data and information

Program managers have been invited to share files on Buckeye Box. Due to FERPA, only the program manager should have access to the box. Items such as key assessments, OAE results, and edTPA results will be shared. Only share individual student results with those that are directly applicable. No test results may be shared via email. Please speak to your Program Manager for specific program results.

#### **Staff Spotlight**

The Office of Educator Preparation would like to introduce new staff member Dr. Kristall Day, edTPA Coordinator. Funding was provided by Dean Achterberg to hire Dr. Day to coordinate the implementation of the educational Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA). She will be offering workshops, sharing resources, and gathering the collective wisdom from OSU faculty and staff. She also will meet with programs individually, as requested. Contact her at <a href="mailto:day.368@osu.edu">day.368@osu.edu</a> Welcome Dr. Day!



## **More Information**

Up to date information is available on our website at <u>http://ehe.osu.edu/educator-preparation/</u> on topics such as assessments, background checks, OSU Ed Prep Conceptual Framework, field placement, licensure, and Tk20.

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