

OFFICE OF ASSESSMENT

Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science

■ ITEM WRITING APPLICATION

Applications Due: August 17, 2015

OVERVIEW

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (SDE) is seeking science educators and stakeholders to participate in the science item writing process. The SDE, in collaboration with its testing vendor, will be holding an item writing workshop to author new assessment items for the Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests in Science Grades 5, 8, and Biology. The new items will be aligned to the Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science (OASS).

The goal of the science item writing workshop is to generate assessment items that will be further reviewed by the testing vendor, SDE, and educator committees and then be field-tested for use in future Science OCCTs.

Educators and stakeholders who are currently teaching/working at Grades 5, 8, and High School Biology are invited to apply. Individuals will be selected through the process defined in this application to participate in the item writing workshop.

TIMELINE FOR SEQUENCE OF WORK

The item writing workshop will require three days to complete. Applicants must be able to commit to all three days in order to be considered for the item review committee. The item writing workshop session will take place Thursday, August 27, through Saturday, August 29, 2015. **Teachers are required to bring their own laptop to this session.**

TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATIONS, FINANCIAL REIMBURSEMENT AND MEALS

Oklahoma educators that are selected through this application process will be provided with travel reimbursement, lodging, and meals for the workshop. Additionally, an honorarium of \$200 will be paid for participation on district noncontract days. If a substitute teacher is required in your absence, your school will be reimbursed for the cost of the substitute up to 100 dollars for Thursday and/or Friday.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING

Please complete the application for consideration.

NAME AND INFORMATION

FIRST NAME LAST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL

SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PREFERRED EMAIL SECONDARY EMAIL

PREFERRED PHONE NUMBER SECONDARY PHONE NUMBER

Current Grade Level(s)/Subjects Taught. Please check all that apply.

5th - 8th Grade Science & 8th - 12th Grade Science & High School Biology

Number of years teaching at current grade/subject: _____

Total number of years teaching: _____

Past experience writing items for large-scale (state) assessment. Please check one.

Yes No

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Describe your understanding of the similarities and differences between the *PASS* standards for Science and the new Oklahoma Academic Standards for Science (OASS).

2. What qualifications and experience do you have that make you an ideal candidate for this project (e.g., part of Oklahoma Framework Overviews committee, OASS curriculum committees, state content review committee, other)?

3. Explain how your teaching has changed as you have implemented the OASS.

4. How has this change in teaching affected the questions you design to assess your students' understanding of science?

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applications can be submitted by e-mail to OCCTProgramManagementTeam@measuredprogress.org

QUESTIONS

For questions regarding the committee or the application contact:

Tony Cortez, Science Assessment Specialist – 405-522-0283

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand that completing this application does not guarantee my selection to participate in this workshop session. I further acknowledge that if selected I will abide by any non-disclosure agreement and rules of procedure by which the project would operate.

By checking the box, you agree to the above acknowledgements: