ORSkills FAQ

Connect, Collect, Calibrate

What is the ORSkills online system?

It is an online bank of assessment prompts, including Work Sample prompts for high school, and an online system for scoring and for managing student work and score records. It allows for collaboration and scoring within and across districts and allows for portability of student Work Sample scores to ease the burden of student transfers.

How do I get access?

To access **ORSkills**, District Test Coordinators or school administrators should contact (orskillshelp@wesd.org) to set up an account. ORSkills will then send an email with a set of instructions for setting up your account and participating in the required 45 minute training about how to use the online system. Most users are able to complete the requirements and begin accessing the system within three to four days of their first email.

Which districts can access ORSkills online system and how much does it cost?

The **ORSkills** online system is available for free to all school districts in Oregon. Additional charges apply for obtaining ESD-developed prompts or having Work Samples scored by trained rater through WESD and MESD.

What are the benefits of using this system?

There are many benefits to using the **ORSkills** online system. To name a few, these include:

Work Sample History for Each Student

ORSkills records all student scores and retains all student work thus allowing districts to easily fulfill the requirement that they retain documentation of student scores through the time the student exits the public school system. Because districts can retain all Work Sample attempts the staff can review these scores and artifacts to identify themes for student feedback or school or district level trends. If the student transfers, this information can be accessed by the receiving district allowing for greater continuity in the student's education.

Scoring Options

ORSkills can be configured in many ways, including Work Sample scoring by someone other than the teacher who administered the Work Sample or completing a second or third score for a Work Sample. Work Samples may also be scored by a trained rater through WESD and MESD for an additional fee.

Large Bank of High School Work Sample Prompts, including Translations

Most ODE-developed math and writing Work Samples have been translated into at least Spanish. In addition, there are more than 100 ESD-developed prompts in various languages available for a small fee. These ESD-developed prompts could be used to demonstrate Essential Skills or could be used instructionally to prepare students for their Essential Skills.

What information will ODE be able to access?

ODE will have access to reports about the use and scores on the ODE-developed Work Sample prompts. These reports will allow ODE to determine the use of the Work Sample prompts and to evaluate how well the prompts are functioning, such as the percentage of students who passed on one prompt as compared to another similar prompt. These reports will not include identifiable student information.