

ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English language arts and mathematics to ensure that all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. We have adjusted the test blueprint for 2020-21 to allow for reliable estimation of student performance, while decreasing the time that students spend testing.

How much time do the tests take?

The tests are not timed, so your child can take as long as they need to fully demonstrate what they know and can do. With our current exams, your child only tests once each year, unlike our previous exams which many students took multiple times. Learn more about the estimated time your child may take to complete the tests in Oregon's Test Administration Manual:

<https://tinyurl.com/TestAdmManual>

What do the results mean and where do I get my child's results?

Summative test results identify systems-level strengths and areas for improvement in English language arts and mathematics for schools, districts, and the state. They also provide a snapshot of performance for your child. Each subject is reported into categories and will show how well your child performed in each area. The tests measure student learning on a continuous scale. The state has set four achievement levels along this scale that generally describe what your child knew and was able to do on that assessment. Your school will share your child's scores with you at the beginning of the next school year to help support your child's success.

Why does participation matter?

While no single test gives a complete picture of your child's progress, having your child take the statewide tests provides educators and administrators with systems-level information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed. Your child's participation is important to help ensure that schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed, particularly those from historically underserved backgrounds.

When will my child take the test?

Your child will be tested once. Your child's school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window above.

OREGON'S STATE TESTS:

- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards
- **Challenge students to think critically** and apply their knowledge to real-world problems
- **Use multiple item formats** to ensure multiple means of accessing item content
- **Act as a snapshot of your child's progress** and may be considered along with other pieces of information to understand your child's academic strengths and needs

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

High School English language arts & mathematics summative tests
January 5 – June 4, 2021

Grades 3-8 English language arts & mathematics summative tests
March 4 – June 4, 2021

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child's teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more about how you can support your child in English language arts and mathematics. Here are some additional resources:

<http://tinyurl.com/ELARoadmap> & <http://tinyurl.com/MathRoadmap>

To view sample test questions: <http://tinyurl.com/ORPracticeTests>

To read more about your child's test results: <http://tinyurl.com/ORTestResults>

DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS

House Bill 2655 permits parents and adult students* to annually opt-out of Oregon’s statewide summative tests in English language arts and mathematics by submitting this form to the school the student attends. The school shall provide any student who is exempted from a state test with supervised study time while other students are testing. Visit this link to learn more about House Bill 2655: <http://tinyurl.com/OR-HB2655>.

To opt-out of summative English language arts and mathematics state tests, this section must be completed by the parent/guardian or adult student:

Student’s Legal Last Name _____

Student’s Legal First Name _____

Student’s Enrolled Grade _____

Student’s School _____

Please indicate the state test(s) you are opting out of for the 2020-21 school year:

	English Language Arts
	Mathematics

To best support school district planning, you are encouraged to submit this form **to your child’s school** by January 1, 2021. For students who enroll after the statewide testing window for high school students begins on January 5, 2021 and for students in Grades 3-8 on March 4, 2021, you are encouraged to submit the form within 2 weeks of enrollment. This form is only valid for the 2020-21 school year. Parents and adult students are required to submit an opt-out form annually should they wish to be exempted from statewide summative tests.

I understand that by signing this form I am opting my child out of testing.

Parent/Guardian* _____ Date _____
(signature)

Parent/Guardian* _____
(printed name)

*Adult students (age 18 and older) may sign on their own behalf and do not require a signature by a parent or guardian.