

2021-22 30-Day Notice for Statewide Tests

ALL STUDENTS GRADUATE PREPARED

In 2010, Oregon adopted higher K-12 standards in English Language Arts and Math to ensure all students move from grade to grade with the academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. Because we raised the bar for what we expect students to know and be able to do, we have also changed the way we measure student progress through our state tests.

Why does participation matter?

While no single test can give a complete picture of your child's progress, statewide tests provide educators and administrators with information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources are needed. Your child's participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed.

Description of rights

Oregon law (ORS 329.479) permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting a form to the school the student attends. Schools will provide parents with the 2021-22 form at least 30 days prior to the start of testing.

OREGON'S STATE TESTS

- **Challenge your child to think critically** and apply their knowledge to real-world problems
- **Go beyond multiple choice** and ask your child to explain their answers
- **Act as a snapshot of your child's progress** and may be considered along with other pieces of information to determine your child's academic success
- **Help identify schools and districts** that need additional supports to ensure more students are meeting higher standards

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

English Language Arts & Math Tests
Grades 3-8: March 8—June 3, 2022
Grades 9-12: January 11—June 3, 2022

When will my child take the test?

Your child will be tested once after they have completed at least two-thirds of the school year. Your child's school will determine the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window.

STAY INFORMED

Talk to your child's teacher or school principal if you have questions or want to learn more.

Resources

To learn more about what your child should know and be able to do in English Language Arts & Math:

<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>

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: Grade 4

Student's School:

Please indicate the state test(s) you are opting out of for the 2021-22 school year:

English Language Arts

Math

To best support school district planning, you are encouraged to submit this form to your child's school by **December 4, 2021** (for students in Grades 9-12) or **February 4, 2022** (for students in Grades 3-8). For students who enroll after the statewide testing window begins, you are encouraged to submit the form within 2 weeks of enrollment. This form is only valid for the 2021-22 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 Signature*:

Date:

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. Typing your name into the signature box indicates your digital signature, which shall be considered as an original signature for the purpose of this form.



Parent Request for Exemption from Oregon State Assessments 2021-2022

*Per OAR 581-022-1910 and the state testing administration manual, parents may request that their student be exempted from certain state tests (OSAS Science, and OSAS English Language Proficiency Assessment) based on either **disability** or **religion**. The parent must submit the request in writing, listing the reasons for the request and proposing an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participating in state testing.*

Please indicate below your reasons for requesting that your student be exempt from state testing, and identify specific test/s, as well as the proposed alternative learning activity.

Student Initials _____ Student District ID _____

Parent signature

Date

Salem-Keizer Public Schools and the signer of this document agree that the electronic signature appearing on this document in the form of a typed full name is the same as a handwritten signature for the purpose of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.