



BLACHLY SCHOOL DISTRICT #90
Triangle Lake Charter School K- 12
"A community is known by the schools it keeps"
Superintendent: Adam Watkins

March 28, 2022

Dear Families,

We are beginning preparations for this year's required state testing. This spring, students in grades 3 through 8, and 11 will take the Smarter Balanced English Language Arts and Mathematics tests. Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 will also take the Oregon Science assessment. We will begin testing at the end of April and will be wrapped up by the end of May.

These tests measure complex, real-world skills such as critical thinking, writing, and problem solving. State assessments give us a snapshot of your students' academic progress, and are used in addition to our school and classroom assessments to understand what they know and are able to do.

Included with this letter is the annual notice from the Oregon Department of Education regarding state testing. If you have questions about testing please see the information on the attached sheet, your child's teacher(s), or contact me directly.

If you wish to opt out of English Language Arts or Mathematics testing, you can find the form posted on our website (www.blachly.k12.or.us). If you would like a paper copy of the opt out form mailed to you, please let me know via email at bbottensek@blachly.k12.or.us or 541-925-3262 ext. 109. Paper forms will also be available in the school office. Completed forms can be submitted to Ms. Kaila in the main office or given directly to me.

Sincerely,

Brittany Bottensek
Principal
District Test Coordinator

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.

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

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

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

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: <https://osasportal.org/students.html>

To read more about your child's test results: <https://or.startingsmarter.org/>

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 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 **January 4, 2022** (for students in Grades 11) or **March 1, 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.