



April 7, 2021

Dear TLCS Families:

Oregon had submitted a waiver to the US Department of Education to release the requirement for state assessments this year. The waiver was not approved, but Oregon has adapted and **significantly reduced the number of tests and length of each test** for each grade level this year.

We are preparing for this year's required state testing. This spring, students in grades 3 through 8, and 11 will take various Smarter Balanced English Language Arts (ELA) and Math and Oregon Science assessments. Grade specific details are included in the table below. We will be testing during May, and plan to be wrapped up by early June.

Included with this letter is the annual notice from the Oregon Department of Education regarding state testing. This letter was posted on our website a while ago as required, but we are including it here again now that we have additional information from the state about Oregon's federal testing waiver.

Who and What?

Grade	3	4	5	6	7	8	11
Required Assessment	ELA	Math	Science	ELA	ELA & Math	Math & Science	ELA & Math
Additional Assessment Opportunity	Math	ELA	ELA & Math	Math	N/A	ELA	Science

Opting Out:

- If you wish to opt your student(s) out of ELA and Math testing, complete the attached form (1 form per student). Additional copies are available in the office. Completed forms need to be turned in to the office.
 - While the state opt out form encourages families to opt out prior to April 6, you may submit the form at any time.
- To opt your student out of the Science test, please contact your student's Science teacher.

Additional Assessments:

This year, each grade level will take some, but not all, of the 3 academic assessments that are typically given at various grade levels. If you wish for your student to take the additional assessment opportunity listed in the table, please contact Ms. Bottensek directly.

If you have questions about state testing, please contact our District Test Coordinator, Brittany Bottensek (bbottensek@blachly.k12.or.us or 541-925-3262).

Sincerely,

Rilke Klingsporn
Principal

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. Please note that individual student reports will not be available for 2020-21.

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. The ODE developed shortened blueprints for the 2020-21 school year, reducing testing times substantially. English Language Arts and Math assessments will take approximately one hour each. With our current exams, your child only tests once each year.

What do the results mean?

Summative test results identify systems-level strengths and areas for improvement in English language arts and mathematics for schools, districts, and the state. Individual student results will not be available for the 2020-21 school year.

Why does participation matter?

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

STATEWIDE TESTING WINDOWS

Grades 3-8 and High School
English language arts & mathematics
summative tests
April 13 – June 11, 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>

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

Math

To best support school district planning, you are encouraged to submit this form **to your child's school** by April 6, 2021. For students who enroll after the statewide testing window begins on April 13, 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 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.