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## *Tips for Testing*

Every year, Oregon students in grades three through eight and in grade eleven take state tests in reading, writing and math. Students in grades five, eight and eleven also take a science test. Tests are given in the spring.

Reading, writing and math are tested by the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC test). Science is tested by the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS). The tests provide the state with information about how schools are doing in preparing students for college and career.

If you have questions about tests, please contact our school office. Thank you!



## Tip #3: Headphones

The Smarter Balanced test is a computer test that will require students to listen for sounds and then answer questions. If your student is not familiar with headphones, you might consider giving them some exposure to a set.

This sounds like a small thing, but it can make a difference in making your student comfortable on test day.

If you don't have access to headphones, please visit our school library for help. Or, you might consider asking a friend if your student could borrow a pair to try on.

Visit the Parents' Guide website for more information about helping your student succeed in school:

[www.skgradguide.com](http://www.skgradguide.com)

