

Parents'

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 #4: Don't miss days

It's important for students to attend school year-round, as well as during the testing window. Missing school days can put students at a disadvantage.

Students learn important skills and knowledge throughout the school year. When students learn how to demonstrate these skills by responding to questions and solving problems while in class, they are more likely to be successful in showing what they have learned on state assessments.

Students will take practice tests prior to test days, which helps them become more comfortable with online test procedures and the testing environment.

This advance preparation for state tests actually reduces student anxiety about testing. The more prepared students feel, the less stressful tests seem.

Unless your student is truly sick, make sure he or she comes to school every day.

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