



**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, known as Smarter Balanced.

**Why does participation matter?**

While no single test can give a complete picture of your child’s progress, having your child take the statewide tests provides 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**

House Bill 2655 permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon’s statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting an annual form to the school the student attends. Schools will provide parents with the annual form for 2016-17 at least 30 days prior to the start of testing. Visit this link to learn more about House Bill 2655: <http://tinyurl.com/OR-HB2655>.

**OREGON’S STATE TESTS**

- **Challenge your child to think critically** and apply his or her knowledge to real-world problems
- **Go beyond multiple choice** and ask your child to explain his or her 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**

Smarter Balanced English Language Arts & Math Tests  
February 7 – June 9, 2017

Oregon Extended Assessments for English Language Arts & Math  
February 16 – April 27, 2017

**When will my child take the test?**

Your child will be tested once after he or she has 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>