

Oregon Statewide Assessment

2020-2021 Annual Notice of Oregon Statewide Tests:

- English
https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_English.pdf
- Spanish
https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Annual_Notice_Spanish.pdf

Parent Notification of Rights:

Test results offer feedback about your child's progress. The results of the Oregon Statewide Assessments provide a snapshot of your child's progress. Along with other data, this information may be used to determine student strengths and needs.

Without information about student academic progress, our ability to accurately identify where students may be excelling or struggling becomes more limited.

Parental Rights:

- ✓ You have the right to opt your child out of state summative tests in English/ Language Arts and Mathematics.
- ✓ To opt out of the aforementioned tests, you must complete the 2020-2021 Opt-Out Form and submit it to your child's school. This form is available at the link below.
- ✓ Any student exempted from a state summative test will be provided with alternative activities while other students are testing.

By signing the opt-out form, you may lose valuable information about how your child is progressing.

- 2020-2021 Opt-Out Form - English
https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Opt-Out_Form.pdf
- 2020-2021 Opt-Out Form – Spanish
https://www.oregon.gov/ode/educator-resources/assessment/Documents/Spanish_Opt-Out_Form.pdf

Other Statewide Assessments:

For all other statewide assessments (Science, Social Science, ELPA21, Kindergarten Assessment, and/or Extended Science Assessment), parents may request that their student be exempted from these state tests based on either **disability** or **religion**. OAR 581-022-1910 allows school

districts to excuse students from these state tests to accommodate a student's disabilities or religious beliefs.

In order to excuse a student from testing under this rule, the student's parent must submit a **written request** to the school principal, listing the reasons for the request and proposing an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participating in state testing.

Assessment and Accountability Waiver:

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) plans to request a temporary pause to specific statewide assessment and accountability expectations present in the ***Every Student Succeeds Act*** [ESSA, Sec. 1111(b)] from the United States Department of Education. This request is necessary because the assessment conditions required for summative assessment to meet its purposes have been substantially impacted by COVID-19 pandemic, social and political unrest, and other factors. ODE plans to ask for a temporary pause in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science summative testing for 2020-21. ODE remains committed to summative assessment when the conditions that support appropriate uses are in place and plans to implement statewide assessments in 2021-22, or when conditions next allow.

Public comment for such a request is required in federal statute [ESSA, Section 8401(b)]. The following resources support ODE's adherence to the public comment process required in ESSA. The Executive Summary provides a two-page overview of the strategic waiver request. The Complete Version of the draft strategic waiver is also provided, in addition to a Video Overview that addresses pressing questions about the waiver and public comment process.

- [Executive Summary of the strategic waiver request](#)
- [Complete Version of ODE's strategic waiver request](#)
- [Video Overview explaining the strategic waiver request](#)

Oregonians are asked to comment on this planned waiver request between the dates of December 1-15, 2020. Public comments will be reviewed prior to further decisions regarding submission of the request to the United States Department of Education. Please send your feedback, questions or concerns to WaiverFeedback@ode.state.or.us.