

State Testing FAQs

What tests are my students required to take?

Students in grades 6-8 are required to take the Smarter Balanced Math and English Language Arts test. Both tests consist of a performance task and a computer adaptive test. Students in grade 8 are also required to take the statewide science assessment.

When will these tests be taken?

Students will be tested during first and second period throughout the weeks of May 13th-24th. Students will primarily be testing on Thursdays and Fridays. Additional make up testing will occur the weeks as the testing window closes on June 14th.

How long are these tests?

The Language Arts test is designed to take the average student about 3 hours. The math and science tests are each designed to take between 1 and 2 hours for the average student.

What if my student needs more time?

Students that do not finish testing within the designated time will be called out of class to finish taking their assessment. The assessments are not timed. Students will be given the necessary time to finish all assessments.

Do these tests support students with special needs?

The tests are designed to provide accurate measures of achievement and growth for all students, including those with disabilities or who are English Language Learners, by addressing visual, auditory and physical access barriers. Accommodations will be available to students with disabilities according to the student's IEP, or as determined by the teacher team.

Can I opt my students out of state testing?

State law permits parents and adult students to annually opt-out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts and Math by submitting the form provided below. These forms are due to the LMS office by **Friday, May 31st** in order to facilitate scheduling for testing.

- [Opt Out Form](#) (English)
- [Opt Out Form](#) (Español)

Under Oregon Administrative Rule 581-022-1910, parents may request that their student be exempted from taking the OSAS Science and/or ELPA test to accommodate a student's disabilities or religious beliefs. To request that your student be exempt, complete and submit the form below. These forms are due to the LMS office by **Friday, May 31st** in order to facilitate scheduling for testing.

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What is the SEED Survey from the Oregon Department of Education?

The Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) survey gives students the opportunity to voice their experiences in Oregon's education system. It asks students about their access to learning resources and opportunities, self-efficacy beliefs, and sense of belonging. The information provides schools information about student's lived experiences. The multiple choice survey takes 10-20 minutes to complete. [Click here to view the survey questions.](#)

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If I opt my students out, what will they be required to do instead?

Students who are opted out of statewide assessments will complete an alternate assessment of their skills. These assessments were created by Lincoln Middle School teachers to assess student skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. Students will use the time when students are taking the statewide assessments to complete these.

What are test results used for?

Statewide standardized assessments provide a "temperature check" for how students are progressing towards learning targets. Our mission at Lincoln Middle School is to prepare students for success in their next level of education. These statewide assessments are one measure that we have to assess our progress towards that mission. In addition, the schoolwide data helps us understand how Lincoln Middle School is performing overall. This information tells us what we need to work on as we set goals for the future. Test results are not used as the determining factor for class placement or specialized interventions, but can be used in conjunction with other factors as supporting information.