



# 3 What Are Ohio's Tests?

## State Tests in Ohio



### Ohio's State Tests (OST)

- » These tests are taken at the end of a school year or high school course. They measure what your child knows and can do based on Ohio's Learning Standards.
- » They help teachers target areas of improvement and where they need to support students. This helps teachers better prepare students for success in school, college, and careers.
- » OST results give information to the general public about how local schools are performing compared to other schools around the state.
- » [FAQs about Ohio's State Tests](#)



### Alternate Assessments for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD)

- » These statewide tests are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities such as autism, multiple disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and intellectual disability.
- » These tests are for a very small number of students who are unable to participate in the Ohio's State Tests even with accommodations.
- » Participation should be documented in your child's IEP.
- » [AASCD FAQs for Families](#)



### English Language Proficiency Tests

- » Ohio's English language proficiency tests are for children who have a primary or home language other than English and who would benefit from participation in the school's English language development program.
- » There are two English language proficiency tests: the Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS) and the Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA). Both tests measure your child's ability to read, write, listen and speaking English and are based on Ohio's English Language Proficiency Standards.
- » Results of the OELPS identify children as English learners who may participate in the school's English language development program. The OELPA results determine whether your child continues as an English learner in the school. See the English Language Development Process infographic for more information.
- » [OELPS FAQs](#)                      » [OELPA FAQs](#)





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# What

subject and grade levels are on the on the OST, AASCD, OELPS, and OELPA?



## OST - Elementary and Middle School

- » English Language Arts tests are given in grades 3-8.
- » Mathematics tests are given in grades 3-8.
- » Science tests are given in grades 5 and 8.



## OST - High School

- » English Language Arts II
- » Algebra 1 (or Integrated Math I)
- » Geometry (or Integrated Math II)
- » Biology
- » American History
- » American Government



## AASCD - Elementary and Middle School

- » English Language Arts tests are given in grades 3-8.
- » Mathematics tests are given in grades 3-8.
- » Science tests are given in grades 5 and 8.



## AASCD - High School

- » English Language Arts
- » Mathematics
- » Science
- » Social Studies



## OELPS and OELPA - All Grade Levels

- » OELPS – Upon enrollment in grades K-12 if the student’s Language Usage Survey indicates the child has a primary or home language other than English.
- » OELPA – Annually in grades K-12 until the child demonstrates proficiency in reading, writing, listening and speaking English.

# When

are the OST, AASCD, OELPS,  
and OELPA given?

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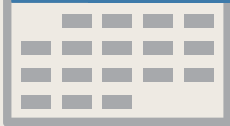
Please contact your home district regarding specific test window dates.



## OST



### Fall



- » Grade 3 ELA - Oct. - Nov.
- » HS EOC - Nov. - January



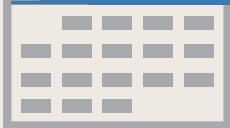
### Spring



- » ELA - March - April
- » Math, Science, Social Studies - April - May



### Summer



- » Grade 3 ELA - June - June
- » HS EOC - June - July



## AASCD

- » February - April



## OELPS and OELPA

- » OELPS - August - June
- » OELPA - January - March



## How are the tests developed?

- » Test development is a continuous process. New test questions are developed every year.
- » The goal is to create tests appropriate for measuring student knowledge and skills.
- » ODE works with Ohio educators and Cambium Assessment to create tests for Ohio students.



### **How can I prepare my child?**

You can prepare your student with sample online items and practice tests available on the [Ohio's Assessment System portal](#). There are practice tests and released items for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies tests. Practice tests are available for Listening, Reading, Speaking and Writing for the OELPA. Students will see the types of questions that Ohio may administer only for the Ohio's State Tests and the Alternate Assessment. Additionally, the online items give students the opportunity to navigate through the online testing system, use the available tools and features, and familiarize themselves with the testing experience.

### **More Information**

- » [Ohio's State Tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies](#)
- » [Sample test items and practice tests](#)
- » [Learning in Ohio](#)
- » [Ohio's Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities](#)
- » [Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment](#)
- » [Parent Resource Toolkit](#)