30-Day Notice for Oregon's Statewide Assessment of English Language Arts, Mathematics, & Science

Pleasant Hill School District

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FOSTERING EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE FOR EVERY LEARNER

Oregon is committed to preparing every learner with academic knowledge and skills necessary for success beyond high school. Oregon's statewide summative assessment of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics is fully aligned to Oregon's State Standards and provide students in grades 3-8 and 11, along with their families, one measure of academic achievement and growth.

OREGON'S STATEWIDE TESTS...

- ★ Are created by educators in Oregon and across several other states
- ★ Challenge your child to think critically and apply their knowledge across a variety of contexts
- ★ Go beyond multiple choice and ask your child to explain their answers
- ★ Act as a snapshot of your child's progress that may be considered along with other pieces of
- ★ Help schools and districts evaluate their systems of teaching and learning, as well as identify groups of students whose academic needs may not be adequately met
- ★ Help communities understand how well their public schools are performing

How long will it take my child to complete Oregon's statewide summative tests?

Most students complete their ELA test in 1.5 to 3 hours and their Mathematics test in 1 to 1.5 hours. Because there is no time limit on Oregon's statewide summative tests, your child can take as long as they need to fully demonstrate what they know and can do.

What do the results mean and where do I get my child's results?

Test results identify your child's strengths and areas for improvement in English Language Arts and Math. Each subject will be broken into categories and will show how well your child performed in each area. The tests measure student learning on a scale that allows for comparisons across time. The Oregon Department of Education has set four achievement levels along this scale that generally describe student academic performance. Your child's school will share your child's scores with you at the end of the current school year or the beginning of the next to help support your child's success as they move from grade to grade.

Why does my child's participation matter?

While no single test can give a complete picture of your child's progress, having your child take the statewide summative tests provides educators and administrators with one source of information about what educational approaches are working and where additional resources may be needed. Your child's participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted resources they need to help all students succeed.

When will my child take the test?

Pleasant Hill SD has set the specific dates your child takes the tests within the statewide testing window. The statewide testing windows for English Language Arts and Mathematics apply to the general and alternate statewide summative tests. For Pleasant Hill, our testing windows will be as follows: 4

English Language Arts	April 27 - May 1
Mathematics	May 11 - May 15
Science	May 18 - May 22

OPT OUT & EXEMPTION DESCRIPTION OF RIGHTS (DUE BY APRIL 22)

Oregon law (ORS 329.479) permits parents/guardians and adult students* to annually opt out of Oregon's statewide summative tests in English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Mathematics by submitting this form to the school the student attends. The school shall provide any student who is excused from a statewide ELA or mathematics test with supervised study time while other students are testing.

Under Oregon Administrative Rule 581-021-0009, parents may request that their student be exempted from taking the Oregon State Assessment System (OSAS) Science to accommodate a student's disability or religious beliefs. This request will be evaluated and reviewed by the district before approval. * For Science exemption, the family must propose an alternative individualized learning activity for the student that meets the same goals that would be accomplished by participation in state testing. I also acknowledge that district staff will follow up with me to review the alternate learning activity proposed.

All forms for opt out and exemption can be obtained on the district website under resources and OSAS Information at https://www.pleasanthill.k12.or.us/resources/osas-oregon-state-assessment-information You may also receive a printed form to complete from the school administrator or school testing coordinator.

STAY INFORMED

Visit Oregon's Starting Smarter webpage (https://or.startingsmarter.org) to learn more about what your child should know and be able to do in English Language Arts and Math, to view sample test questions, and to read more about your child's test results. Contact your child's teacher or school principal with questions.