



Oak Grove School

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Our mission:
A community working hard toward excellence and academic success

RE: State Testing Schedule for 2026

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Dear Oak Grove Students and Parents,

State testing season is arriving soon at Oak Grove! Our staff would like to keep you informed about our testing schedule so you can help your student prepare, too.

We were #1 last year in Visalia Unified elementary and middle schools in the state Science, ELA, and Math tests, and our goal is to maintain these outstanding student performances this spring! Our school-wide goal is to improve 5% across all three testing areas.

Here are the dates and subjects of the upcoming state tests:

Grades	Name of Test, Subject	Start and end dates
5 and 8	CAST - Science	Mon, April 13 to Fri, April 17
6	CAASPP - English-Language Arts CAASPP – Math	Mon, April 20 to Fri, May 1 Mon, May 4 to Fri, May 8 (Grade 6 is at SCICON from May 11 to May 15.)
3, 4, 5, 7, and 8	CAASPP - English-Language Arts CAASPP - Math	Mon, May 4 to Fri, May 8 Mon, May 11 to Fri, May 15

- Note that students in TK through Grade 2 do not take state testing.

Your child's hard work, focus, and success on these tests is a reflection of the planning, teaching, and support that our teachers and staff provide to your student year after year. Your student's success is our success!

We need your help, too. Please check the above testing dates and make sure that, whenever possible:

- Your child is PRESENT and ON TIME each day of testing.** This allows them to test with the rest of their class, in a comfortable setting, and with their teacher. **Encourage them to do their very best!**
- Your child has a healthy BREAKFAST each day of testing.** This gives your child a nutritional foundation to help them endure throughout the day. School breakfasts are available each school day at 7:45 am in our school cafeteria at no charge to all students.
- Your child gets a good night's SLEEP each night before a day of testing.** A well-rested mind is sharp, ready to focus, and better prepared to face intellectual demands during extended testing.
- Your child's Chromebook is fully charged and READY to use each test day.** Be sure to send the charging cord, too. If your child has a personal pair of ear buds or headphones that they like, you are welcome to send them along. You can help by putting their name on them. However, we have plenty of headphones for students to use if needed.

We know that family schedules are often complex, and perfect attendance during these times may not be possible. We appreciate all that you do for your child each day, and we look forward to a great testing season where our students show off all that they have learned this year!

Sincerely,

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