

Parents' Right to Know About State Mandated Assessments

Dear Parents,

You have the right to know what state mandated assessments your child(ren) will be required to take throughout their K-12 education. You also have the right to request information about policies regarding student participation in state mandated assessments. If you have any questions about state mandated assessments, please contact your building principal for more information. Below is some information about the state mandated assessments that your child(ren) will be required to take in grades K-12.

Why do students take state tests?

State achievement tests tell us how well our students are growing in the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards. These tests help guide and strengthen future teaching so we can be sure that we are preparing our students for long-term success in school, college, careers and life. Test results also allow citizens to know how their local schools are performing compared to others around the state.

Which tests will be given for what grade level?

GRADES 3-8

	English language arts	Mathematics	Science
Grade 3	✓	✓	
Grade 4	✓	✓	
Grade 5	✓	✓	✓
Grade 6	✓	✓	
Grade 7	✓	✓	
Grade 8	✓	✓	✓

HIGH SCHOOL COURSES

Classes of 2018 and beyond – End-of-course tests in English language arts I and II, algebra I, geometry (or integrated mathematics I and II), biology or physical science (class of 2018 only), American history and American government.

Classes of 2014-2017 – Ohio Graduation Tests and/or end-of-course tests in English language arts I and II, algebra I, geometry (or integrated mathematics I and II), biology, American history and American government.



At the beginning of each school year, children in public and community school kindergarten programs are assessed using [Ohio's Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised](#). This assessment includes ways for teachers to measure a child's readiness for engaging with instruction aligned to the kindergarten standards.

[Ohio's Early Learning and Development Standards](#) (birth to kindergarten entry) are the basis for the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised. The Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised is used to assess four areas of early learning:

Social Foundations- including social and emotional development, and approaches toward learning

Mathematics

Language and

Literacy

Physical Well-being and Motor Development

The Language and Literacy portion of the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Revised can be used to meet the reading diagnostic assessment requirement of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. To meet the diagnostic requirement, teachers must complete the Language and Literacy portion by Nov. 1.

The KRA-R is intended to be administered to kindergarten students starting the first day of school or the first day that schools and districts take attendance for students who are enrolled in kindergarten with the administration ending on November 1. Public districts have the option to begin the administration of KRA-R selected response and performance task items up to two weeks prior to the first day of kindergarten. **The administration window closes on Nov. 1.**

What You Need to Know

If you are the parent of a child who has trouble learning to read, you need to know about Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

The guarantee says that your child's school has to determine how well he or she is reading at the beginning of each school year from kindergarten through grade 3. If your son or daughter is not reading as well as expected, the school must create a plan to help your child improve.

You will be involved in creating this plan. The plan will describe the help your child will receive to get him or her reading on grade level. If your child still is not reading as expected by the end of third grade, the school must keep your child in third grade when the next school year begins.

There may be some exceptions:

- If your child is learning to speak English;
- If your child is on an Individualized Education Program (IEP) and the IEP says he or she cannot repeat grade 3 because of reading;
- If your child has received reading help for at least two years and has repeated a grade before;
- If your child shows on certain tests, other than a state reading test, that he or she is reading on grade level.

To find out if your child qualifies for any of these exceptions, talk to his or her teacher.

Your child will have many chances to show his or her reading is improving. It's important that you keep in touch with your child's teacher so you know where things stand.

To help you know what to expect, click [here](#), or go to education.ohio.gov and type *third grade reading guarantee* in the search box. You will find Parent Roadmaps to the Third Grade Reading Guarantee that you can refer to whenever you have questions.

