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## Testing Reminder

Oregon's Statewide Assessment System (OSAS) currently includes summative assessments administered annually by subject matter and grade. Pursuant to federal and state accountability requirements, Oregon public schools test students in English language arts and math in grades 3 through 8 & 11 and science in grades 5, 8, & 11. Additional required assessments include an English language proficiency assessment for English learners (ELs) and the Oregon Extended Assessment for students with significant cognitive disabilities. The OSAS online, computer-based summative assessments are an important indicator of student progress in meeting grade-level benchmarks. Click [here](#) to view statewide assessment information on our website.

Parents and guardians play an important role in encouraging students to give their best performance. The following suggestions should help your student be ready for the OSAS assessments, which **begin Monday, May 2, 2022 for students in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11.**

## Helping Your Child...

- Be sure your student is at school every day. Good attendance is needed to do well in school and to do well on tests.
- Be sure your student arrives to school on time.
- Make time for your student to have a nutritious breakfast. (Breakfast is provided at school for all students.)
- Get your student into a regular sleep routine. Most children need at least eight hours of sleep each night.
- Encourage your student to exercise every day.
- Take an interest in your student's school work. When children and families talk regularly about school, children perform better academically.
- Make a quiet place at home for your student to study, read, and do homework assignments.
- Encourage your student to read at home. Good reading skills are important to success in school and to do well on tests. Set a good example as a reader – read every day at home even if it is a magazine or newspaper.
- Use your voice to advocate for your student. If your student has special needs, make sure teachers and principal understand those needs and how they might affect test performance.

You may access OSAS Practice Tests online at <https://osasportal.org/students.html>. Click on the **Sample & Training Tests** link. Sign in as a guest and select grade level. Then, choose a test to practice.