

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On March 25 through April 11, Southern Local Elementary School students will begin completing Ohio's state tests in grades three, four, and five. Students in grade three will complete the ELA and Math tests using the pencil paper format. Students in grades four, five will complete the ELA and Math tests using the online format. Students in grade five will also complete the online Science test. All state tests are divided into two parts. Students will complete Part 1 and Part 2 of each test on separate days. It is important that our students demonstrate their academic skill and knowledge by putting forth their best effort when completing the tests in ELA, Math and Science. These tests are very important in that they provide the school and the home with an accurate assessment of the knowledge that our students have mastered in each of the areas in which they were tested.

There are many ways in which the school and the home can work together to assist our students in maintaining their focus and putting forth their best effort. Students who are taking the online tests can practice at home by using the website <https://oh-ost.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html> Attendance and being on time to school on testing days is crucial to success. Parents should encourage their children to put forth their best effort on each test. Please make sure that your child gets an adequate night's rest.

As a parent you will receive a copy of your child's test results through Progress Book as well as being mailed a copy.

The Ohio Department of Education has established specific rules/guidelines that apply to the state tests. One of the rules that all parents and students need to be aware of pertains to electronic devices during testing. The rule states: All electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, smart watches, etc.) must be collected from students prior to the test administration. Students must be told that electronic devices are prohibited during the test administration. Use of an electronic device during a test administration is a security violation. Southern Local Elementary School strongly recommends that students leave all electronic devices at home on school days during which they will be completing the state tests.

Testing will begin at 9:30. I have included our Spring 2025 test schedule for your convenience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Ohio's state tests or Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee please contact me by calling the elementary school. You can reach me at 330-679-2301 ext. 4062 or by email at jacquelyn.collins@slindians.org . Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Jackie Collins
School Counselor

The Spring State Test Schedule

March 25- ELA Part 1 for grades 4 & 5	April 3- Math Part 2 for grades 4 & 5
March 26- ELA Part 2 for grades 4 & 5	April 8-Math Part 1 for grade 3
March 27- ELA Part 1 for grade 3	April 9-Math Part 2 for grade 3
April 1- ELA Part 2 for grade 3	April 10-Science Part 1 grade 5 only
April 2- Math Part 1 for grades 4 & 5	April 11-Science Part 2 grade 5 only