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Re: Ohio State Testing, Spring 2023

March 20, 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Ohio law requires public school districts to administer state assessments assigned to each student's enrolled grade level or course, regardless of the student's time in Ohio public schools. There is no process allowing parents and/or students to indicate their choices to not participate in state testing. Schools must account for and report any student who did not participate in a required state test.

These state assessments tell us how well our students are growing in the knowledge and skills outlined in Ohio's Learning Standards, as well as how our schools are performing compared to others throughout Ohio.

Beginning in April, students will take the following state assessments:

- **Grades 3, 4, 6, 7** - English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics
- **Grades 5, 8** - English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science
- **Grade 9-12** students will test based upon course enrollment and graduation requirements. The End-of-Course tests are English Language Arts II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, and American Government.

This year your student's school will be administering the state English Language Arts assessments between 4/3/2023 and 4/21/2023. Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies assessments will be administered between 4/24/2023 and 5/12/2023. For specific information on when your student will be testing, please contact your student's school.

The Grade 3 English Language Arts assessment is also used for the state's Third Grade Reading Guarantee, which is a program to identify students from kindergarten through grade 3 who are behind in reading. Third grade students must obtain a promotable score on the ELA assessment or a state approved alternative reading assessment to be eligible for promotion to fourth grade at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. More information on the state's Third Grade Reading Guarantee is available at <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Learning-in-Ohio/Literacy/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee>.

High School End-of-Course exams may also be used to meet two of the three components required for graduation. Those components are Demonstrating Competency and Demonstrating Readiness (Seals). More information on the state graduation requirements can be found at <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>.

For more information on state assessments and resources to help your student prepare, please visit <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Forms-Rules-and-Committees/Parent-Resource-Toolkit> to access the state's Assessment Toolkit for Parents

Sincerely,

Cincinnati Public Schools