**Testing Program**

**We will update information on this site as we receive new information from the Ohio Department of Education.**

Student progress is assessed in many ways, such as teacher observation, teacher-made assessments, continuous progress monitoring, projects, research papers, and paper-and-pencil tests.  All of these forms of assessment provide information to help plan each child’s education and monitor each child’s progress.  The use of assessment to monitor student progress, to guide instruction, and to determine the effectiveness of instruction is central to the District’s goal of ensuring the success of all students.

In addition to teacher-created assessments, the District is administering two types of assessments that have been part of the testing program:

* Assessments that have been part of the testing program for many years.
  + Nationally-normed standardized tests that permit comparison of a student’s achievement to that of other students in the United States.
  + State-mandated tests designed to assess student progress with respect to [Ohio's Learning Standards](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohios-Learning-Standards/Ohios-Learning-Standards).
* Assessments that are now required to meet state and federal requirements.
  + The [third grade reading guarantee](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee) requirement that students be assessed to determine whether they are on track to meet a certain standard on the state English language arts assessment for 3rd grade.
  + Exams required for graduation: End of course exams

Here are some links that will help you learn more about the district tests.  They are set up by grade level.  Just click on the name of the test you want to know more about.

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| **Grade Level** | **Test(s)** |
| Kindergarten | * [Kindergarten Readiness Assessment](http://www.shaker.org/KRA.aspx) * IReady growth |
| Grade 1 | * IReady growth |
| Grade 2 | * IReady growth |
| Grade 3 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * [Third grade reading guarantee](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee/TGRG-Roadmap.pdf.aspx) * IReady growth |
| Grade 4 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * IReady growth |
| Grade 5 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * IReady growth |
| Grade 6 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 7 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 8 | * [State testing program](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing) * [End of course exams for students in math](http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/resources/) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 9 | * [State testing program: End of course exams](http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/resources/) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 10 | * [State testing program: End of course exams](http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/resources/) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 11 | * [State testing program: End of course exams](http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/resources/) * [ACT: For college/career readiness state requirement](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Testing-Results/ACT-College-Entrance-and-Placement-Exams) * Achieve 3000/ALEKS growth |
| Grade 12 | * [State testing program: End of course exams](http://oh.portal.airast.org/ocba/resources/) * Achieve 300/ALEKS growth |

**The**[**state mandated achievement assessments**](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohios-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies)**for 2018-19 are:**

* English/Language Arts: Grades 3-8, plus end of course exams in English 9 and English 10 for students who entered 9th grade after July 2014
* Mathematics: Grades 3-8, plus end of course exams in Algebra I and Geometry for students who entered 9th grade after July 2014. Middle school students taking either of these courses will take the end of course exam in place of the mathematics exam for their grade level.
* Science: Grades 5 & 8, plus end of course exam in biology and physical science for some students
* Social Studies: End of course exams in American government and American history.
* ACT: Grade 11. Required to meet Ohio's College and Career Ready graduation requirement.

Some of these assessments are scheduled for fall; others will be administered in the spring.  Check for more details about when these assessments are scheduled.

[**Ohio English Language Proficiency**](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohio-English-Language-Proficiency-Assessment-OELPA)**(OELPA)** is designed for English learners to determine their proficiency in reading, writing, listening, and speaking English.  Its administration will start February 5th. It will be administered on-line.   [Learn more about OELPA practice tests and student tutorials.](http://oh.portal.airast.org/resources/oelpa-resources/)

Kindergarten students take the [Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Guidance-About-Kindergarten/Ohios-New-Kindergarten-Readiness-Assessment) early in the school year.  The KRA assesses kindergarten readiness in 4 areas: 1) Social foundations, 2) Mathematics, 3) Language & literacy, 4) Physical well-being & motor development.

[**Third Grade Reading Guarantee**](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee)This legislation requires that students be assessed to determine whether they are on track to meet a certain standard on the state reading assessment for 3rd grade. Students are to be assessed in kindergarten, first grade, second grade and the beginning of 3rd grade in reading. In Shaker, these assessments vary by grade level.  Click [here](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Early-Learning/Third-Grade-Reading-Guarantee/TGRG-Roadmap.pdf.aspx) to access a parent road map about this guarantee.

**Teacher Accountability** Value-added calculations have been in place for several years for teachers of English/language arts, reading and math in state testing subjects.

**Changes in Requirements Due to New Legislation**

Due to recent changes in legislation, questions about mandated state testing and graduation requirements have been raised. Click on each question to access the answer.

* [What are the consequences if students do no participate in the mandated state testing?](https://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Testing/Sections/Resources/Student-participation.pdf.aspx)
* [What are the guidelines for the new high school end-of-course exams and graduation? Click here for a link to a FAQ.](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/What-s-Happening-with-Ohio-s-Graduation-Requiremen/Latest-Updates-on-Graduation-Requirements/Graduation-Requirements-Frequently-Asked-Questions)
* [More Details Regarding End of Course Exams](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements/18-Points-on-State-Tests)

**College Admissions Testing**To learn more about these tests, contact your child's counselor.

**Gifted Testing** The District currently screens grades 2 and 5 with the OLSAT and IReady results. Additional assessments may be administered based on referrals and screening results. For more information on Ohio’s gifted screening and identification requirements, please click [here](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Other-Resources/Gifted-Education/Gifted-Screening-and-Identification).