Time Spent and Mandated Testing

State law limits the amount of time students should spend taking state and district tests. This document outlines legislative requirements for the testing time limit and a tool to help districts and schools calculate the testing time for their students.

Beginning with assessments administered on or after July 1, 2017, the board of education of each city, local and exempted village school district shall make sure that no student is required to do either of the following:

1.   Spend a cumulative amount of time in excess of 2 percent of the school year taking state- and district required assessments combined;
2.   Spend a cumulative amount of time in excess of 1 percent of the school year taking practice or diagnostic assessments used to prepare for assessments.

The limitations do not apply to assessments for students with disabilities, any related diagnostic assessments for students who failed to attain passing scores on the English language arts achievement assessments, substitute examinations, or additional assessments administered to identify students as gifted.

The local board of education of each city, exempted village and local school district may exceed the limitations by resolution of the district board. However, prior to the adoption of this resolution, the board must conduct at least one public hearing on the proposed resolution.

Mandated Testing:

All Ohio's State Tests in grades 3-8 for English language arts, mathematics and science (14 different tests, with grade 3 English language arts administered twice for a total of 15 tests). All districts and schools required to participate in state testing must plan to include the time for these tests within their 2 percent limit or pass a board resolution to exceed the 2 percent limit.

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Grade*	Test	Test	Test	Total Allotted Time
3	ELA Fall (3 hrs)	ELA Spring (3 hrs)	Math (2.5 hrs)	8.5 hours
4	ELA (3 hrs)	Math (2.5 hrs)		5.5 hours
5	ELA (3 hrs)	Math (2.5 hrs)	Science (2.5 hrs)	8 hours
6	ELA (3.5 hrs)	Math (3 hrs)		6.5 hours
7	ELA (3.5 hrs)	Math (3 hrs)		6.5 hours
8	ELA (3.5 hrs)	Math (3 hrs)	Science (2.5 hrs)	9 hours
9	ELA I (3.5 hrs)	Algebra I (3 hrs)	Biology (3 hrs)	9.5 hours
10	ELA II (3.5 hrs)	Geometry (3 hrs)	American History (3 hrs)	9.5 hours
11	American Government (3 hrs)			3 hours
Grade level for high school tested courses may vary				

*Effective spring 2017, English Language Arts tests for grades 6-8, English language arts I and English language arts II will have two writing prompts, as described in the Ohio Blueprint. The testing time noted above for these English language arts tests is divided into two sessions of one hour and 45 minutes each. It is each district's discretion to allow students additional time to complete the test — 30 additional minutes (15 minutes per session, for a total of two hours per session). Not all students will need this additional time and, in some sessions, no students will need this time.

The Legacy Academy of Excellence is a community school established under Chapter 3314 of the Revised code. The school is a public school, and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who have been excused from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education as defined by the Administrative Code shall no longer be excused for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education.

Kindergarten Reading Assessment:

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 administration window for the Kindergarten Reading Assessment Revised is not earlier than the first day of July of the school year and not later than the twentieth day of instruction of that school year. The Ready for Kindergarten Online (KReady) system will open on July 1 and remain open through November 1, to accommodate differences in district schedules. November 1st is the deadline for teachers to enter data in the Ready for Kindergarten Online (KReady) system. After the KReady system closes on **November 1 at 11:59 p.m.**, data managers will have until **November 9th at 11:59 p.m.** to clean up transfer requests.

Ohio's State Tests in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies (OST)

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.

The school will follow all mandated testing requirements. Students will be required to test in the calendar windows prescribed by the law annually. The school district chooses a consecutive series of school days to administer state tests within specified windows, or periods of time as outlined by the Ohio Department of Education. Testing Requirements are as follows:

FALL TESTING
- **Grade 3 English language arts**

SPRING TESTING
Test Dates:
- Grade 3-8 English language arts
- Mathematics, science and social studies

SUMMER TESTING (OPTIONAL)
Test Dates:
- Grade 3 English language arts

Ohio English Language Proficiency Screener (OELPS)
Test Dates:
- August-June

Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)
Test Dates:
- January-March

Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD)
Test Dates:
- February-April