

North Marion Families,

Thank you for supporting your child during this year's assessment window. We know that the state assessments are an important tool for helping our schools determine and address student needs. Here is a list of the assessment dates for each building, along with some helpful hints for supporting your student at home during the assessments. If you would like more information on our district assessment practices, or the Oregon Opt Out law, please contact our District Testing Coordinator at [cherie.stroud@nmarion.k12.or.us](mailto:cherie.stroud@nmarion.k12.or.us) or 503-678-7126.

### 2019-20 Statewide Assessments

Test Name	Tested Grades	State Testing Window
Smarter Balanced ELA and Math	Grades 3-8 and 11	1/7-6/5
OAKS Online-Science	Grades 5, 8, high school	1/7-6/5
ELPA 21- required for all students receiving ELD Services	All grades	1/7-4/10
Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)	Kindergarten	9/9-10/18
PSAT- Preliminary SAT	All students in grade 10 Student choice in grade 11	10/16/19

North Marion Primary School	
9/9/19-10/18/19	KRA for kindergarten
1/7 - 3/20	ELPA 21 for K-2nd Grade
North Marion Intermediate School	
1/7 - 3/20	ELPA 21 for 3rd-5th Grade
4/6 - 4/10 ELA 5/4 - 5/8 Math	SBA ELA and Math for 4th
Science 4/20 - 4/22	OAKS Science 5th Grade
4/13 - 17 ELA 5/11 - 5/15 Math	SBA ELA and Math for 5th Grade
4/27 - 5/1 ELA 5/18 - 5/22 Math	SBA ELA and Math for 3rd Grade

5/26-5/29	All SBA Finishers
<b>North Marion Middle School</b>	
3/1/19 - 3/20/19	ELPA 21 for 6th-8th Grade
4/7-4/21	SBA- English Language Arts, grades 6-8
4/28-5/8	SBA-Math, grades 6-8
5/19-5/26	OAKS Science
5/27-6/5	All SBA finishers
<b>North Marion High School</b>	
10/16	PSAT
1/7- 3/20	ELPA 21 for 9th-12th
2/10-2/14	SBA in Math Tri B students
2/18-2/28	SBA in ELA for Tri B students
4/6-4/17 4/13-4/17	OAKS Science Assessment- 11th grade students only Pull out for students not enrolled in a science class
5/11-5/22	SBA in ELA for Tri 3 and ELA for Supported English Students
5/18-5/22	SBA in Math for Tri B & C students & College Algebra/Trig C students
5/26-6/5	SBA clean up for all students needing to complete tests

### **Parent Tips: How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests**

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/parent-tips-how-help-your-child-prepare-standardized-test>

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#### **Before the Test**

Help your child in areas that are difficult for her. If your child has struggled with a particular area or subject in the past, you may be able to help her overcome some of that difficulty by providing some extra practice. Many workbooks target test preparation by offering practice exercises and questions like the ones students see on the test. Focus your practice on your child's weaknesses rather than her strengths so that she doesn't get bored with the exercises (Narang, 2008).

#### **Give your child a chance to practice**

If your child has trouble taking tests, try practicing test questions and studying new words. Your child's school or the library may have some samples to use. Keep the sessions short, and set

small, manageable goals so that the extra practice boosts your child's confidence (Narang, 2008).

**If you have concerns about the test or testing situation, talk with your child's teacher.**

Discuss your concerns with the teacher and/or school administrator. If you're not satisfied with the outcome, however, you can reach out to some other organizations that monitor testing, including your local PTA, The National Center for Fair & Open Testing or the ERIC Clearinghouse on Assessment and Evaluation (Narang, 2008). If you believe that your child's difficulty with standardized tests may be the symptom of a problem such as a language or learning difficulty, speak with your child's teacher to learn if your child qualifies for any assessment accommodations.

**On Test Day**

Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. Many teachers report that students who don't do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep, and haven't eaten breakfast on the morning of the test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity (Narang, 2008).

**Make sure your child is prepared**

Some schools may supply the tools your child needs for the test, such as pencils, an eraser, paper, and a calculator. Others may require the students to bring those materials themselves. Check with your child's teacher to see if you need to provide your child with any of these materials. Also, check to see whether your child will be able to make up the test if she is sick on test day (Narang, 2008).

**Remain positive**

Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help her practice some relaxation techniques that she can try once she's taking the test (Narang, 2008).