

# Ohio's State Tests & MHS Graduation Testing Dates

## Information for Students and Families

Ohio's State Tests measure student progress toward Ohio's Learning Standards. They help us make sure every Ohio student receives a high-quality education. Student test results show that students have the knowledge and skills they need to move successfully to their next steps in education or a career.

Federal and state laws require state testing for specific grades and subjects.

### **WILL THERE BE STATE TESTS IN 2015-2016?**

Yes.

### **WHAT TESTING CHANGES MUST OHIO MAKE FOR THE 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR?**

As part of the current budget law, the Ohio Department of Education will develop new tests in mathematics and English language arts with the assistance of Ohio educators. To build these new tests, the department will use its existing contract with the American Institutes for Research (AIR), a well-known test vendor. AIR currently provides Ohio's science and social studies tests. The new tests will be:

- Shorter than those given last school year;
- Given during one testing window; and
- Given during the second half of the school year, close to the end of the school year. High schools also may give end-of-course tests at the end of the first semester, and elementary schools will give the grade 3 English language arts test Nov. 30-Dec. 11.

The role of Ohio educators will be to help review the questions and test construction.

### **HOW LONG WILL THE TEST BE?**

Each test will be approximately three hours and will be divided into two parts. Districts will choose whether their students will take a test in two sessions or in one session.

### **WHY DO WE HAVE STATE TESTS?**

State tests are critical for measuring student learning and ensuring that all of Ohio's students receive a high-quality education. The results from state tests provide the public with much-needed information about how all students are performing. Student test scores are the foundation of Ohio school and district report cards, which are designed to show parents, taxpayers and school leaders how well our students are performing. State tests are one way we identify schools and districts that need additional support and recognize those that have done a great job helping all students learn.

## WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE EXIT-TESTED SUBJECT STATE GRADUATION TESTS?

Classes of 2018 and beyond – English language arts I and II; algebra I, geometry, and integrated mathematics I and II; biology (or physical science for class of 2018 only); and American history, American government.

Classes of 2015-2017 – Ohio Graduation Tests, American history, American government

## WHAT IS THE “TESTING WINDOW”?

Student attendance is REQUIRED for state exit tests. If a student is absent through the testing window (dates in which the online tests can be administered), they will not be tested until the next school year and after the course has been completed. The window closes only a few days after test administration.

# STATE REQUIRED GRADUATION TESTING AT MAUMEE HIGH SCHOOL

<u>TEST</u>	<u>FORMAT</u>	<u>DATE(S)</u>	<u>WHO TAKES IT?</u>
OGT	Pencil / Paper	Oct 26 – 30 March 14-18	Current 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> students who still need to pass a section.
Algebra 1 Exit Test	Online	Dec 1	Any 9 <sup>th</sup> grade student who took algebra 1 B in the fall trimester
English 9 Exit Test	Online	April 25	All 9 <sup>th</sup> grade students
English 10 Exit Test	Online	April 26	All 10 <sup>th</sup> grade students
Biology	Online	May 5	All students who completed biology during the school year
American History	Online	May 6	All American History students (typically 10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
Algebra 1 Exit Test	Online	May 9	All students who took alg 1 A & B or Apps of Alg 1 A,B & C at MHS
Geometry Exit Test	Online	May 9	All students who completed geometry during the school year
American Government	Online	May 10	All American Gov't students (typically 11 <sup>th</sup> grade)