

April 9, 2021

Parent/ Guardians:

In January of 2021, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) had requested a waiver to the United States Department of Education (USDE) in regards to statewide testing requirements. The intent of the waiver was to get approval from the USDE for the state to cancel state testing this Spring, while still maintaining Federal Education funding into our State. The waiver was denied, so ODE has shifted gears to offer shortened testing opportunities to students, and to reduce the content areas that will be required to test for each grade level.

Condon School District will offer a week long testing window during the Week of April 19<sup>th</sup>. We will only administer the required assessments in the classrooms as a whole group. If any family wants their student to take the additional Assessments listed below you will need to contact your student's teacher by April 13<sup>th</sup>. We will make arrangements for your student to have this testing opportunity during the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Required and Optional test opportunities by Grade Level:**

The ELA and mathematics summative assessments will be shortened to maximize the efficiency of testing times. The ELA assessments will be available for administration in Grades 3 - 8 and 11 but will only be required in Grades 3, 6, & 7. The Mathematics assessments will also be available for parent selection in Grades 3-8 & 11, but will only be required in Grades 4, 7, 8, & 11. The Science assessment will be similar in design to prior years, however, field test items will be removed to support a reduction in testing time. The Science assessment will be available in grades 5, 8, and 11, but only required in Grades 5 & 8.

Grade Level	Required Administration (except for students opted-out of ELA and/or Math per <a href="#">ORS 329.479</a> or exempted from Science per <a href="#">OAR 581-021-009</a> )	Additional Assessment Opportunity
3	English Language Arts (ELA)	Mathematics
4	Mathematics	ELA
5	Science	ELA & Mathematics
6	ELA	Mathematics
7	ELA & Mathematics	N/A
8	Mathematics & Science	ELA
11	ELA & Mathematics	Science

**Opt-Out Information:**

If parents want to opt their child out of state testing in ELA or Math the form can be found on our website at <https://www.condon.k12.or.us/article/429504> or is attached to this letter. If you do not

want you child to participate in the science test you may submit a written request based on disability or religion. Both of these documents need to be submitted to the school by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you have questions about testing please reach out to your student's teacher or to me, prior to April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully,

Michelle Geer