

House Bill 487 updated Ohio's graduation requirements to ensure that all students are ready for success in college and work. Beginning with the 2018 graduates, students are required to take the Ohio's State Tests and earn a minimum of 18 points on the tests. **Please understand that if students have been told they will be tested, it means they are taking a course where an End-of-Course Assessment is required by the State of Ohio, or they are retaking an EOC assessment as they have not yet accumulated their required graduation points.**

Because the state is requiring that all testing be done online – and to ensure that students who need to take the tests are not being overlooked – Toledo Public Schools has devised a testing schedule for its six comprehensive high schools – Bowsher, Rogers, Scott, Start, Waite and Woodward - which will require early dismissal for seniors and other students not being tested on a given day. That way, there will be enough computers and quiet spaces for those students being tested. Students taking tests will report to school at their regular time and will be dismissed at their regular time.

Here are some Frequently Asked Questions and the answers:

What is the difference between the Ohio's State Tests and the Ohio Graduation Tests?

The Ohio's State Tests are more rigorous and are designed to make sure that students are ready to enter college or the work force. To learn more from the Ohio Department of Education, click here: <http://bit.ly/2e6PLWH>

What is the benefit of the new TPS testing schedule?

In past years, high schools used the entire testing window to administer state tests. This resulted in pulling a few students from various classes, interrupting the educational process for six weeks. Testing is now done in such a way that students at the district's six comprehensive high schools – Bowsher, Rogers, Scott, Start, Waite and Woodward - will all be tested at the same time. Students not being tested will still get instructional time for three periods a day during the ELA Testing window and will be dismissed at 11:45 a.m. Students not being tested will still get instructional time for two periods a day during the Mathematics, Science and Social Studies Testing window and will be dismissed at 10:45 a.m.

How can you test all of the students at the same time?

The Ohio's State Tests are online tests. To ensure that every TPS high school student is tested on the same day, TPS purchased Chromebooks for the high schools. If testing numbers exceed the number of Chromebooks currently in the high schools, additional Chromebooks from throughout the district will be brought to the high schools and set up in individual classrooms.

Who will be taking the Ohio's State Tests?

Any student currently in a course with a required End-of-Course Assessment which includes ELA I, ELA II, Algebra I, Geometry, American Studies, American Government, and Biology will take the OSTs. Also, any student who needs to retake an EOC to increase points/requirements necessary for graduation will Retake the OSTs. – Bowsher, Rogers, Scott,

Start, Waite and Woodward – will be the ones tested using the revised schedule. Students at ANSAT, Jones Leadership Academy, Toledo Early College, Toledo Technology Academy and Westfield Achievement will be taking the Ohio’s State Tests but will have their own schedules.

What is the schedule for the tests?

The high school tests are being given during two different weeks: the week of March 25, 2019 and the week of April 23, 2019

There will be four days of early release testing the week of March 25:

- **ELA I, Part 1 - March 25, 2019**
- **ELA I, Part 2 - March 26, 2019**
- **ELA II, Part 1 – March 27, 2019**
- **ELA II, Part 2 – March 28, 2019**

Students not being tested will be released at 11:45 a.m.

There will be four days of early release for testing the week of April 23:

- **American History- April 23, 2019**
- **Algebra 1 - April 24, 2019**
- **Biology - April 25, 2019**
- **Geometry - April 26, 2019**

Students not being tested will be released at 10:45 a.m.

On Monday, April 29, 2019 American Government OSTs will be administered, however, there will be NO Early Release on this day– regular HS schedule

Will there be transportation on testing days?

Yes, TARTA buses will be operating so both the students leaving early and those leaving at their regular time will have transportation home.

Will there be breakfast and lunch served for high school students?

Yes, both meals will be served. During the ELA Window lunch will be served from 11:45 a.m. - 12:25 p.m. During the Mathematics, Science and Social Studies Window lunch will be served from 10:45-11:25 a.m.

What about the special programs for elementary students?

On testing days, there will be NO Early Risers music program or Early High School Opportunity (EHSO) classes. However, Gifted classes WILL be held.

What other tests will high school students be taking this semester?

All juniors will be taking the SAT on March 6, 2019 with the makeup test set for March 27, 2019. This is a state requirement. Non-Standard Testing (testing for students with approved accommodations for extended time and/or extended breaks) will run from March 7-19, 2019. **At the Six Comprehensive High Schools (Bowsher, Rogers, Scott, Start, Waite, & Woodward) Only Juniors will report to school on March 6th for the SAT Test.**

All remaining TPS High Schools will run on their regular daily schedule on the March 6th SAT Testing Day.

Elementary schools will run their normal schedule, although there will be no Early Risers music program or EHSO classes. Gifted classes will be held.

What should I do if I have more questions?

If you have any questions about graduation requirements or want to check the number of points your student has, please contact the counselor at the high school your child attends.