

March 6, 2019

Dear Elementary School Parents and Guardians:

As you know, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) requires students beginning in Grade 3 to take part in a spring State test. These tests are The Ohio's State Tests (OSTs). If your student is on an IEP, which indicates he/she takes the Alternate State test, which is created specifically for students with special needs, they will have already tested in February-March 2019.

Per ODE:

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 (education.ohio.gov/Topics/Testing/Ohios-State-Test-in-ELA-Math-Science-SocialStudies).

The following table illustrates which tests your child will take:

Grade	English Language Arts (ELA)	Mathematics	Science
3	X	X	
4	X	X	
5	X	X	X
6	X	X	
7	X	X	
8	X	X	X

Because ODE requires test to be administered online, each elementary building creates a Testing Schedule that works best for that school's students. Your child's school administrators will be communicating their building's OST testing information with you. Please ensure your student is present and well rested for testing days to enable your child to show his/her best work. All schools must create a schedule, which falls within the TPS selected OST Testing Dates. The TPS Testing dates are listed in the box below for your convenience:

The Ohio State Tests (OSTs)

TPS Elementary Spring 2019 Testing Window:

- ELA Window - March 25 - April 12, 2019
- Math & Science Window April 23-May 10, 2019