



Understanding the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS)

Overview of the OAKS

The Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) was designed to assess student achievement in the areas of mathematics, reading/literature, science and social sciences according to Oregon educational standards. Recently, the state revamped and developed an online program in conjunction with the American Institute for Research.

Purpose of the OAKS

The purpose of the OAKS test is fourfold. The tests seeks to provide information on benchmark grades and individual student achievement on performance standards, inform policy decisions statewide, inform improvement in instructional methodology and provide information to the public about student performance and achievement in Oregon schools.

Who Takes the OAKS?

All students in Oregon public schools take the OAKS. Students with disabilities and English Language Learners take a modified version of the OAKS suited to their skills and abilities. Students take the OAKS in grades 3 through 8 and 11. Writing tests are given in the 4th, 7th and 11th grades, and science in the 5th, 8th and 11th grades. Social science tests are required at the discretion of the given school district.

What is a Passing Score?

The criterion referenced Oregon achievement tests are graded on a scale score on a scale of 150 to 300, with the exception of the writing assessment. Scores are determined individually by grade level and subject area. The following table lists the scores required to meet academic level according to grade and subject area. A “-“indicates the test is not given in the grade level.

Grade Level	Reading/Writing	Writing	Mathematics	Science	Social Science
3rd	211	-	212	-	-
4th	216	40 (out of 48)	219	-	-
5th	221	-	225	*pending	215
6th	226	-	227	-	-
7th	229	40 (out of 60)	232	-	-
8th	232	-	234	*pending	231

High School	236	40 (out of 60)	236	*pending	239
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For the 2011-2012 school year students are able to take each portion of the OAKS once between November and January. At each district's discretion, all subjects except social science may be taken a second and third time after January 10. Social science may be online be taken a second time after January 10 at the district's discretion.

Get Your Child Ready for the OAKS

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