

OSAS SCIENCE TEST INFORMATION FOR EDUCATORS



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- ❖ Students are required to take the OSAS Science Test in Grades 5, 8, and 11.*
- ❖ The test is made up of test items aligned to the [Oregon Science Standards](#), which include physical science, life science, earth and space science, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts.
- ❖ Each test item is **three-dimensional**, representing (1) a *Disciplinary Core Idea*, (2) a *Science and Engineering Practice* (for example, Asking Questions), and (3) a *Crosscutting Concept* (for example, Energy and Matter).
- ❖ Once a student begins the OSAS Science Test they have 20 calendar days to finish, after which the student's test expires.
- ❖ Test scores will be available in the Centralized Reporting System (CRS) within minutes of students finishing their test.
- ❖ Students are not required to demonstrate proficiency in science as a graduation requirement.

* Students who are ready to take the test in Grade 10 are allowed to take it early, but will be required to take it again in Grade 11 if they do not achieve a proficient score.

OREGON STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM 2023-24 OSAS SCIENCE TEST

The OSAS Science Test is designed to measure students' performance on the [Oregon Science Standards](#), which serve as a set of expectations for what all students should know and be able to do at each grade level. Test items include cluster task items and shorter standalone items. Cluster task items have been designed to engage student in grade-appropriate, meaningful scientific activities aligned to a specific standard. They are based on a phenomenon or design problem that engages student's interests and can be explained, modeled, investigated, or designed using the knowledge and skill(s) describe by the standard to which they align. Item specification documents are

available on the ODE Science Assessment webpage for Grades 5, 8, and 11.

ODE anticipates that the OSAS Science Assessment will take students in Grade 5 & 8 roughly 75-85 minutes to complete whereas for students in Grade 11 the test can take 90-100 minutes to complete. Scores will be available within the Centralized Reporting System within minutes of students finishing the test. Students will receive an overall composite score as well as sub-scores in the domains of Earth & Space Science, Life Science, and Physical Science. For more information, contact your School or District Test Coordinator.

For the 2023-24 school year, the testing window runs from February 6 to June 14, 2024 for students in Grade 11, and from March 5 to June 14, 2024 for students in Grades 5 & 8.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

IS THE OSAS SCIENCE TEST AVAILABLE IN SPANISH?

Yes, items on the OSAS Science Test are available in Spanish. Test administrators can enable Spanish presentation for students as a Designated Support. Once enabled, students will be able to toggle between Spanish and English throughout the test.

HOW CAN MY STUDENTS AND I BETTER UNDERSTAND WHAT IS ON THE TEST?

You and your students can take an OSAS Science Sample Test on the [OSAS Portal](#). **(1)** Click “Sample and Training Tests” in the Quick Access menu. **(2)** Click “Sign In”. **(3)** Select Grade 5, 8, or 11. **(4)** Click on “OSAS Summative ELA, Math, and Science”. **(5)** Click “Start Grade X Science Sample Test”. **(6)** Click on “Select” to accept the general settings, or change any setting in the lists of Universal Tools, or Embedded Designated Supports (for example, Spanish presentation or Text-to-Speech). **(7)** Complete the Audio/Video Checks and click the “I could play the video” button. **(8)** Click “Continue,” and **(9)** Click “Begin Test Now.”

WHAT TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WHILE TAKING THE OSAS SCIENCE TEST?

All students have access to a set of accessibility features to use on the OSAS Science Test. Some “Universal Tools” include a highlighter, line reader, and strikethrough text to eliminate answer choices. Scratch paper is also available to all students taking the OSAS Science Test. Scratch paper used for notes can be kept and used again on a future test session. Consult the [Oregon Accessibility Manual](#) for a full list.

WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE OREGON EXTENDED ASSESSMENT?

The Oregon Extended (ORExt) Assessment is Oregon’s alternate science assessment, which are available for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The decision to administer the ORExt can only be made by a student’s IEP team, including the parent or guardian. Contact your school’s special education team to discuss testing options for students. Some students access the OSAS Science Test through Designated Supports or Accommodations that are similar to support they receive regularly in class.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact your School or District Test Coordinator for more information about the OSAS Science Test.

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