

Interim Assessments



Senate Bill 141 requires ODE to support interim assessments. Beginning in the 2026-27 school year, school districts and charter schools will administer interim assessments three times per year. Interim assessments provide a snapshot of student progress that can be used by teachers to make adjustments and support real-time feedback for students, parents and families.

Promoting a Balanced & Meaningful Assessment System

The use of different types of tests and tools, including classroom assessments, district or school tests, and state tests, helps give a more complete picture of student learning. Together, these assessments work across the classroom, school, district, and state levels to improve instruction, support student achievement, and guide policy decisions. Each type of assessment informs different levels of the system, by design. A truly balanced system is: Coherent, Comprehensive and Continuous.

What Kinds of Tests do Students Take in Oregon Schools?

Test	Who	Purpose	Required	Frequency	Who Uses the Data
Summative (end of year)	Students in grades 3 - 8 and grade 11.	Measures grade-level proficiency in English Language Arts and Math.	Yes - state required	Annually	The state collects and reports the data to the U.S. Dept. of Education.
Interim (periodic)	Students in grades K-8	Helps teachers understand student progress toward meeting standards.	Yes - state required (begins 2026-27 school year)	3 times per year	Schools use data to modify instruction and support students.
Formative (ongoing)	Students in grades K-8	Ongoing process to support student learning.	No - local decision making	Ongoing	Teachers use data to make adjustments and support individual students.

Key Milestones

July - December 2025

- ODE engagement and rule-making process.

January 2026

- The State Board of Education must adopt a list of no more than four interim assessments.

Prior to the 2026 -27 school year

- School districts and charter schools must select from the board-adopted options.

During the 2027-28 school year

- School districts and charter schools must administer interim assessments three times per year in Math and ELA and review the data during a public meeting.