

# Family FAQ for Taking the Oregon Statewide Assessment Remotely

Each spring, students across Oregon in grades 3rd - 8th and 11th participate in the Oregon Statewide Assessments (e.g. English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science). Some K – 12 students will also participate in Oregon’s English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) remotely. Additionally, Oregon offers students in grade 3 – 12 the opportunity to remotely participate in the SEED Survey and provide feedback on their learning experience. Although the Oregon Department of Education expects most students to test in-person at their schools, districts can also administer the assessments remotely, meaning that eligible students whose instructional mode is virtual/online can take their tests from home or another remote testing location. This set of frequently-asked- questions is to help you know what to expect.

## When will my student test this spring?

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Your child’s school will schedule test dates within the [Oregon Statewide Summative Test Schedule](#). Please work directly with your district or school for specific dates and times.

## Does my student have to test at home?

**No.** In fact, most students across Oregon will test in-person. Even if your child has participated in online learning this year, your child’s teacher or other district personnel may work with you to schedule the tests at school or another district location. Students who qualify for the braille version of Oregon’s Statewide Assessments or Oregon’s Alternate Assessments will test in-person.



## If my student is testing remotely, how can I help them prepare?



Work with your child’s teacher to understand the plan for remote testing. You will need to understand the technology required for testing remotely; such as a computer with a microphone, speakers, a webcam, and an internet connection. There may be specific software requirements to review. *For example, students will need to access the assessments using a secure browser available at [www.osasportal.org](http://www.osasportal.org).*

If your child needs specific approved assessment supports or accommodations, work with the teacher to make sure your child is familiar with the approved supports or accommodations before test day. Some test accommodations may require that your child test in-person. Work with your child’s teacher to decide if your child’s test accommodation may require in-person testing.

## What if my student is testing at home and needs help?

In most cases, your student’s teacher will have a live audio and video connection to your child as they take the test. If your child has questions or needs teacher assistance, they can also virtually “raise their hand” and use an online chat. Please be assured that the only person who will see your child is their teacher. No one else will have access to the live audio or video connection and no recordings will be made.



## Where can I Find more information?



Check out the Remote Summative Test Administration Resources folder on the [Oregon Department of Education Test Administration website](#) for guidance documents and additional resources.