



Community STE[A]M Academy

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Community STEAM Academy State Testing FAQ

Q: How are the tests delivered to the students?

A: All testing will be done online with computers. Day 1 of testing will be Part 1 of the test. Day 2 of testing will be Part 2 of the test.

Q: What are the exact dates of the state tests by subject?

- English Language Arts (Grades 6,7,8, and ELA II): April 9 (Part 1) and 10 (Part 2)
- Math 6-8, Integrated Math I, and Integrated Math II: April 16 (Part 1) and 17 (Part 2)
- Science 8 and Biology: April 23 (Part 1) and April 24 (Part 2)
- American History and American Government: April 30 (Part 1) and May 1 (Part 2)

Q: How long are each of the tests in total?

- English Language Arts (3 hours 30 minutes)
- Math (3 hours)
- Grade 8 Science (2 hours 30 minutes)
- Biology (3 hours)
- American History (3 hours)
- American Government (3 hours)

Q: When does testing begin each day?

Students should report to school no later than 7:45 a.m. per our regular schedule. In general, our testing day schedule will be as follows:

7:45-8:00 a.m.	Students report to the assigned test location. Attendance taken, lunch orders submitted, announcements, and other preliminary personal test preparations completed.
8:00 a.m.	Test administration preliminaries as directed by Test Administrators (teachers)
8:30 a.m.	Testing Period Begins
10:00 a.m.	REGULAR TESTING ENDS (10:15 for ELA testing)
11:45 a.m.	EXTENDED TESTING ENDS

Q: What happens if my child misses the day of the test or is late?

A: The test section missed will need to be made up. Students arriving AFTER the start of a test window will need to make up the test section missed.

All Ohio students are tested. All make-up tests must be taken within our school's testing window. Makeup Test Dates are as follows:

- English Language Arts: April 11, 12, 18, 25, and 26
- Math: April 18, 25, 26 and May 2, 3
- Science: April 25, 26 and May 2, 3
- American History/Government: May 2, 3, 6, 7

We highly recommend that all students come on the day of the test unless absolutely sick. We also recommend that no appointments be made for the child on testing day. The testing conditions are best the day of the test and students feel better when they get to take the test with their peers under the direction of their classroom teacher.

Q: What happens if my child gets sick during the test?

A: If a student becomes ill or leaves school early and is unable to continue testing on the scheduled test day, the test administrator will pause the student's test and collect any test materials. The teacher will note which item the student stopped and how much of the testing time has elapsed. With district and state approvals, the student will then complete the test on another day during the test window, using the remaining time, not to exceed the established total testing time. The student will not be able to return to previously answered items.

Q: What can my student NOT have in the testing room?

A: During active testing periods, students will not be permitted to have personal electronic devices in their possession. Cell phones, smartwatches, and other WIFI-enabled, non-testing devices will need to be placed with the students belongings in a secure location outside the testing room. This includes earbuds and other forms of headphones.

Additionally, listening to music on school-provided devices or any other device) during an active testing period is prohibited.

Students who use an electronic device for medical purposes may have access to the device during the active testing period. The device should support the student during testing for medical reasons and the test administrator must closely monitor the use of the device to maintain test security.

Q: What CAN my student have in the testing room?

A: All students must remain in their assigned room for the full duration of the testing period. If students conclude testing prior to the active test period ending, students may be provided with **or bring their own silent work that does not require an electronic device (e.g. book)**. The silent work must not be related to the subject matter being tested.

Additionally, **grades 8, 9, and 10 may have approved calculators during the Math testing**. Students will need to bring in their calculators before testing to have them approved by Mrs. Reeve. Mrs. Reeve and Mrs. Miller will provide additional directions to students and parents regarding the types of calculators that meet the requirements for testing.

The school will provide students with additional approved support tools as directed by the State of Ohio Department of Education and Workforce test administration guidance.

Q: If a particular grade level is not testing, what will they do?

A: Grade levels not testing will continue with regular instruction. Students should report at the regular school start time. They may be assigned a different learning neighborhood location for the morning.

Q: What can I do to help my child prepare for this test?

- Make sure that your child has plenty of rest the night before.

- Make sure that your child eats a breakfast high in protein, not sugar.
- Reassure your child before coming to school.
- Make sure your child is not hurried or late on the day of the test.
- Avoid arguments or other stressful conflicts the morning of the test.
- Make sure your child has fully charged his/her school computer (and brings the charger to school).
- Tell your child you are very proud of him/her and can't wait to hear all about the test.
- Ask your child about the tests and reassure him/her. Listen as they share how easy or hard it was.
- If your child wears glasses, be sure to send them to school with your child the day of the test.

Q: How is the school accountable for each student's scores?

A: The State Department of Education and Workforce provides student test data on each student who takes the test. This data helps us with future goals and instructional plans.

High school students who take the Integrated Math I and ELA II end-of-course exams must obtain a score of 684 to meet the minimum benchmark score for high school graduation requirements.

Q: When will we receive our child's scores?

The required test score reporting date to parents of June 30 applies to Ohio's State Tests in grades 3 through 8 and the high school end-of-course tests. The school will distribute the scores to parents as soon as we receive them.

**When your child completes each test, be sure to celebrate!
This is a great accomplishment by your child! Thank you for working
with us at Community STEAM Academy - Xenia!**