

Anthony Wayne Local Schools

Ohio Achievement Tests-Q and A

What is the Ohio Achievement Test (OAT)?

The Ohio Achievement Test is a state developed assessment given to students in grades 3-8. The tests are designed to assess students on Ohio's State Standards taught at that grade level.

State law requires all schools to administer the Ohio tests to third and fourth graders. Grade three is administered the OAT reading and math test. Grade four is administered the OAT reading, math, and writing test.

The state legislature mandates that the tests be given at the same time statewide. **The fall third grade reading test is the first week of October. The 3rd and 4th grade spring tests are given during the first week of May.**

How will I know the results of my child's testing?

Scores are usually returned to the school district within 60 days of the last make-up testing date. Once the district confirms the accuracy of the results for any test given, parents will receive the scores through the federal mail. We anticipate that these results will be available in December for the 3rd grade fall reading tests and June for the spring tests.

What happens if my child does not pass one or more parts of the test?

Third graders will take the reading portion of the test in October and again in May.

For all tests in all grade levels, if a child does not pass one or more parts of the test, an intervention program will be provided for your child during the next school year.

Will my special needs child be required to take statewide testing?

Students with Individualized Education Plans are required to be assessed in the statewide program. Students with IEP's who generally get test accommodations as part of their IEP will receive the same accommodations on state testing.

What can parents do to help their children prepare for the OAT?

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test
- Make sure your child eats a well balanced breakfast (include protein and limit the carbohydrates)
- Make sure your child is on time to school each day
- Encourage your child to do his/her best work

Where can I find more information on the Ohio Achievement Tests?

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEPrimary.aspx?page=2&TopicRelationID=222>

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For more information, please contact your child's teacher or the building principal.