

2015-2016 Testing Times for State Tests

As promised, the Ohio Department of Education has shortened the 2015-2016 state tests in English language arts and mathematics by a range of 39-50 percent from previous tests given in 2014-2015. The schedule below shows the testing time for all state tests this school year. Schools have flexibility to give an entire test on one day. Or, they may choose to give a test in two parts on two separate days. Test blueprints for grade 3 English language arts and high school tests will be available in early October. A test blueprint provides an overview of the test design. The test blueprint identifies the specific knowledge and skills that will be measured on the test as well as the relative weight given to each. Each test blueprint shows the reporting categories and groups of standards that make up the category for that test, including the points from each reporting category. The sum of the points from the reporting categories make up the total points for the test.

Grade level and test content	Total testing time in 2015-2016*	2014-2015 total testing time	Reduction in testing time	Reduction percentage
Grade 3				
English language arts	180 minutes (3 hours) – fall 180 minutes (3 hours) - spring <i>New Ohio's State Test</i>	150 min. (2.5 hours) – fall 150 min. (2.5) – spring <i>Ohio Achievement Assessment</i>	No reduction – increase of one hour in testing time	
Mathematics	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	150 minutes (2.5 hrs.)	50%
Grade 4				
English language arts	180 minutes (3 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	120 minutes (2 hours)	40%
Mathematics	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	150 minutes (2.5 hrs.)	50%
Social studies	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	150 min. (2.5 hours)		
Grade 5				
English language arts	180 minutes (3 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	120 minutes (2 hours)	40%
Mathematics	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	150 minutes (2.5 hrs.)	50%
Science	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	150 min. (2.5 hours)		
Grade 6				
English language arts	210 minutes (3.5 hours)	345 min. (5.75 hours)	135 minutes (2.25 hours)	39%
Mathematics	180 minutes (3 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	120 minutes (2 hours)	40%
Social studies	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	150 min. (2.5 hours)		

Grade level and test content	Total testing time in 2015-2016*	2014-2015 total testing time	Reduction in testing time	Reduction percentage
Grade 7				
English language arts	210 minutes (3.5 hours)	345 min. (5.75 hours)	135 minutes (2.25 hours)	39%
Mathematics	180 minutes (3 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	120 minutes (2 hours)	40%
Grade 8				
English language arts	210 minutes (3.5 hours)	345 min. (5.75 hours)	135 minutes (2.25 hours)	39%
Mathematics	180 minutes (3 hours)	300 min. (5 hours)	120 minutes (2 hours)	40%
Science	150 minutes (2.5 hours)	150 min. (2.5 hours)		
High School End-of-Course				
English language arts	210 minutes (3.5 hours)	345 min. (5.75 hours)	135 minutes (2.25 hours)	39%
Mathematics	180 minutes (3 hours)	320 min (5.33hrs)	140 minutes (2.3 hrs.)	44%
Social studies	180 minutes (3 hours)	180 min. (3 hours)		
Science	180 minutes (3 hours)	180 min. (3 hours)		

*Schools can administer a test in two equal parts. For example, a 180-minute test can be administered as two 90-minute sessions.