

## **English Language Arts Tests**

### **How will the writing portion of the English language arts assessment be scored?**

All tests in spring 2018 will be machine-scored, including the writing section of the English language arts assessments. Information about machine-scoring on these tests can be found [here](#).

### **What are the components for the English language arts assessments?**

The assessments will be separated into the following parts:

Grades 3-5 Part One: Reading and one Extended Writing Response; Part Two: Reading only

Grades 6 through English Language Arts II Part One: Reading and one Extended Writing Response; Part Two: Reading and one Extended Writing Response

### **What can districts do to prepare for the upcoming assessments?**

They can familiarize themselves and their students with sample online items and practice tests available on the [Ohio's State Tests portal](#) (see the Student and Families section or look for the practice tests icon on the portal's home page). There are sample items for Ohio English language arts and mathematics, as well as online practice tests and released items for the Ohio science and social studies tests. Students will see the types of questions that Ohio may administer online. Additionally, the online items give students the opportunity to navigate through the online testing system, use the available tools and features, and familiarize themselves with the testing experience. Online practice tests will score automatically. Released item tests will not. They may, however, find answer keys in the Student Practices folder under each subject area.

### **Will state tests offer partial credit for certain questions?**

Yes, state tests will offer partial credit for particular item types.

### **Will there be one or two pieces of writing on the test this year? How many points will they be worth?**

All extended writing responses will be worth 10 points. Grades 3-5 will continue to have one extended writing response, and grades 6 through English Language Arts II will have two extended writing responses.