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Hello Columbus Online Academy K8 Families,

This letter is being sent to help all of our families understand how Ohio State Testing will happen for us this year. As you already know, students in grades 3-8 are required to come in to take the OST. Each grade has to take specific tests, and each test has a state specified amount of testing time as well as a specified testing window that is out of our control. Since this is a different type of test, we will not be able to have the different mixed groups of students come in for testing. The State testing guidelines are very specific to what is and is not allowed. Testing is broken down into the followed required parts:

- 3rd grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math tests
- 4th grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math tests
- 5th grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math and 2 Science tests
- 6th grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math tests
- 7th grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math tests
- 8th grade – 2 ELA and 2 Math and 2 Science tests

The state windows for testing will be open during the following days:

- ELA (reading and writing) will be open from March 31 to April 21 (remember Spring Break is April 7-April 16)
- Math will be open April 24 – May 12
- Science opens May 2 – May 12

Each grade level has slightly different time requirements for the tests as well. Testing times are:

- Grades 3-5 are 90 minutes per ELA test
- Grades 6-8 are 120 minutes per ELA test
- Grades 3-5 are 75 minutes per Math test
- Grades 6-8 are 90 minutes per Math test
- Grades 5 and 8 are 75 minutes per Science test

To help our families, we are going to offer full day sessions for each of the testing days. Students will be able to come to the school at 9:00 am with a packed lunch and stay until about 2:00 pm, with the exception that some middle school test days and some family/make-up test days won't end until 2:45 pm. The day's ending time will be clearly noted on the Sign-Up Genius when it comes out. We will have the students take one of the two tests, give them a lunch and activity break, and then have them take the second test. If you want to have your child take one test a day and come in over multiple days, we will also be able to accommodate the request. We are trying this new format after talking to several families who work.

We will send a Sign-Up Genius out by the end of the day on Friday March 3rd. Please reach out to us with any questions.

Thank You,

The Columbus Online Academy K8 Staff