



5-10-24

Dear Families and Friends

This spring, your students in grades 3-8 and 10 will take the Smarter Balanced or the Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) tests in Math and English language arts. In grades 5, 8, and 11, students will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) or the WA-AIM science assessment.

The results from these tests are one of many ways of understanding where students are in their learning relative to grade-level learning goals in math, English language arts, and science. For students in grade 10, the Smarter Balanced or WA-AIM tests can also be used as a graduation pathway.

Most students will take the tests online, and most testing will take place in the morning. Our school is scheduled to take the tests as follows.

Date	Test	Who
Monday 5/13/24	Math CAT	3-10
Tuesday 5/14/24	Math PT	3-10
Wednesday 5/15/24	ELA CAT	3-10
Thursday 5/16/24	ELA PT1	3-10
Friday 5/17/24	ELA PT2	3-10
Monday 5/20/24	WCAS	5,8,11
Tuesday 5/21/24	WCAS	11
Wednesday 5/22/24	Makeups	All
Thursday 5/23/24	Makeups	All
Friday 5/24/24	Makeups	All

For more information about the [Smarter Balanced and WCAS](#) tests, visit <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing> and click on the test's name.

To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice or training test or WCAS training test, visit the [Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program \(WCAP\) Portal](#):



<https://wa.portal.cambiumast.com/index.html> and click the Practice and Training button.

The WA-AIM is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards aligned to the Washington State K–12 Learning Standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities.

Please call Mr. Schumaker or Mr. Cooper at 509-767-6090, if you have questions about state testing. Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your student is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your student in building their skills so they can have a future full of opportunities.

Sincerely,

Mr. Schumaker  
Principal

Mr. Cooper  
District Testing Coordinator

### **Testing Tips for Parents**

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test.
2. On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up in plenty of time so he/she won't feel rushed.
3. Feed your child a good breakfast. Research shows that children do better on tests with a good breakfast.
4. Do as much as you can to make your child feel comfortable. Try not to say things to make him/her feel more nervous.
5. Reassure your child that no matter the outcome of the test, you will still love him/her. Encourage them to simply do their best.