

Hello WLA Families,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and well.

As you may have been following in the news, the Oregon Department of Education requested a waiver for an amended state testing session this school year, and that request was granted. Initially, ODE requested a complete waiver from state testing requirements this year, as was granted last year. However, that request was denied in an effort to get a snapshot of current academic skills for students.

WLA will be administering state testing (also known as the Smarter Balanced Assessment or “SBAC”) this spring. Each grade level will have a reduced amount of tests this year, and the tests they will take have been shortened as well. We are not able to administer these tests remotely, and students will have to take them during their on campus days.

Here are the tests that each grade will be taking this year:

Grade Level	Assessment(s)
6th Grade	English Language Arts (ELA)
7th Grade	ELA & Math
8th Grade	Math & Science
11th Grade	ELA & Math

*(State tests are not given in grades 9, 10, and 12)

Testing for Hybrid Learning Cadets

Hybrid Instruction Cadets in the grades above will need to take the SBAC assessments or be opted out of the tests by a parent/guardian. The form for opting out is linked on the second page of this document. Cadets participating in hybrid instruction will take the tests while on campus for their hybrid days. On site testing is scheduled for the morning for each grade during Hybrid Instruction.

Distance Learning Cadets

Distance Learning Cadets will have the assessment administered on Wednesday May 19 from 8 am to 12 pm. Regardless of grade, assessments for Distance learning Cadets will be given at the Second Battalion campus. We will reach out VIA phone and email to confirm participation and transportation needs for Distance Learning Cadets. Bus transportation may be available depending on need.

All full Distance Learning Cadets, grades 6-11 will test at Second Battalion. All other Cadets participating in Hybrid Learning will test at their respective campus.

Opt Out Information:

If you would like to opt your student out of state testing, please complete the following forms and return them to the school - email or paper copy is fine. We do need to have the completed form prior to testing starting.

Send completed Opt Out Forms to your Cadet's Battalion Commander. Forms are also available in our website willametteleadershipacademy.net

[Math and ELA Opt Out Form](#)

[Math and ELA Opt Out Form Spanish](#)

[Science and ELPA Opt Out Form](#)

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If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Battalion Commander.

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