

WHAT'S CHANGING IN OHIO EDUCATION

Ohio's New Generation Tests

Ohio schools are gearing up to use new learning standards in 2014-2015. Ohio's Next Generation Assessments will measure whether students are meeting expectations in the new learning standards to be ready for college and careers in the 21st century. The new state tests for 2014-15 are computer-based and will require students to demonstrate knowledge through the skills of critical thinking, creativity, communication and collaboration.

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What's changing in state tests? And when?

Currently, Ohio's tests include multiple choice questions, short answer questions and essay-like responses. Students use a #2 yellow pencil on bubble answer sheets and handwrite answers into test booklets.

Beginning In 2014-2015, students will use a computer device to take state tests. Ohio is working with 22 other states to develop tests that measure 21st century content and skills in math and English. Ohio also is developing its own computer-based tests in science and social studies. Both tests will use technology to keep students actively engaged. The technology for the tests is what students use in the classroom and similar to what they will use in college and their careers.

How will the tests change graduation requirements?

The biggest change is in high school. The current Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) are in five subjects – reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Students must pass all five tests as one of the requirements to earn an Ohio high school diploma. The Class of 2016 is the last required to pass OGTs for a high school diploma.

The Class of 2017 and beyond must earn 20 course credits based on Ohio's new learning standards as one of their graduation requirements. Instead of the OGT, students will take a test at the end of each course for each credit. The test will be part of the grade earned for the class required to earn the credit that will go toward a high school diploma.

In addition, Grade 10 students also will take a nationally-standardized test of college readiness to check whether they are on track to be ready for higher education

Why the change?

Ohio's responsibility is to make sure students are ready for college and their careers. Ohio is committed to ensuring an Ohio high school diploma assures students have the necessary knowledge and skills. Ohio students must learn and use technology that is required in their future work.