

Frequently Asked Questions on Extending the OAA Testing Window

1) When is the new Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) testing window?

The new testing window is April 21-May 16, 2014. The first three weeks are designated as the regular administration window, and the fourth week is for make-up testing.

2) When will test materials for Grades 3-8 arrive in districts?

Test materials will arrive in districts two weeks prior to the start of the testing window.

3) When may districts administer the tests within the testing window?

Districts may begin administration of the OAA on any day within the first three weeks of the regular administration window April 21-May 9, 2014. Districts have flexibility in scheduling the tests, but must remember:

- All schools within a district must test the same grade-level content area on the same day;
- The testing sequence of content area tests must remain in the order prescribed by the state (reading, mathematics and science); and
- Make-up tests may be scheduled after the initial administration of the grade-level subject to the entire district.

The fourth week of the testing window, May 12-16, 2014, is available for make-up testing.

4) Are there changes to the current procedures for returning test materials?

In order to prioritize Grade 3 scoring, all Grade 3 materials, including reading and math, must be boxed with correct labels provided by the vendor, American Institutes for Research (AIR), in order to prioritize their scoring so results can be returned to districts by June 16.

5) What is the plan for districts to receive their assessment data?

Due to the extension in the testing window, the third-grade data, which includes the reading and math assessments, will be prioritized to have it available by June 16, 2014. The assessment data for Grades 4-8 will be available the following week.

In order for districts to receive their assessment data as established above, districts need to:

- Label correctly the boxes with the third-grade materials using the labels provided by the vendor; and
- Return test material for Grades 3-8 no later than May 16, 2014.