

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Summer Testing

- 1) **Will there still be a summer 2020 test administration for grade 3 English language arts or high school end-of-course testing?**

*No, the summer 2020 administration of Ohio's State Tests is canceled, including the grade 3 English language arts test and all high school end-of-course tests.*

- 2) **May districts still choose to administer these tests if school buildings reopen?**

*No, tests will not be available in the student testing site to administer, even if buildings reopen.*

- 3) **If districts have already pre-ID'd students for summer testing, do these students need to be removed from TIDE?**

*No, test coordinators do not need to take any action if students were already pre-ID'd for summer testing. TIDE will start fresh for the 2020-2021 school year.*

- 4) **If districts have students who never met a promotion score for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, will the cancellation of summer testing negatively impact those students?**

*Recently enacted law removed the requirement that a student meet the promotion threshold for the 2019-2020 school year. Specifically, no school district, community school or STEM school and no chartered nonpublic school that is required to administer assessments to scholarship students shall retain a student in the third grade following the 2019-2020 school year based solely on the student's academic performance in reading. However, if the student's principal and reading teacher agree the student's reading skills demonstrate the student is reading below grade level and is not academically prepared to be promoted to fourth grade, the student may be retained.*

- 5) **Will third grade students promoted to fourth grade need to take the grade 3 English language arts test in the 2020-2021 school year?**

*No, students promoted to the fourth grade will take the applicable grade 4 tests in the 2020-2021 school year. They will not take any of the grade 3 tests.*

- 6) **If districts have students who wish to take or retake high school end-of-course tests, when should they take these tests if summer testing is canceled?**

*End-of-course testing will resume in the 2020-2021 school year. If a student is enrolled in an end-of-course class remotely during the summer or wishes to retake a previously*

*taken end-of-course test, districts should work with students to ensure students are prepared to take these tests when testing resumes next school year.*

**7) Will the Ohio Graduation Tests window resume?**

*Yes, starting May 26, 2020, testing locations that are open may begin administering the online Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT). The OGT testing window for school year 2019-2020 will close July 31, 2020. The OGT testing window for school year 2020-2021 is scheduled to open Sept. 1, 2020-July 30, 2021.*