

## OAKS Testing Overview and Preparation at Logos Public Charter School

Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) are used in all public schools in Oregon. They measure individual student’s mastery of the standards for math, reading, writing, science and social science at his/her grade level.

New for 2011-12 OAKS is a read-aloud function any student can use. See “Online Practice Test” below for details.

At Logos a student’s results are a tool used by the parents and ES showing where the student has met grade level standards and to determine areas needing further instruction.

### Schedule & Location

Students’ testing will be scheduled through your ES. Testing sessions are held on the Logos Campus. At Logos optional reading tests are offered fall term and mandatory tests for all subjects are given spring term.

### Who takes which test?

Subject	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grades*
Reading	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Math	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Writing							11 <sup>th</sup> grade
Science			X			X	X
Social Science			X			X	X

### High School & OAKS

Secondary students pass each test once in their high school career. Oregon is phasing in achievement standards for demonstrating proficiency in essential skills for a high school diploma. So far they have established these subjects and graduating classes:

- Reading                                      Class of 2012 & beyond
- Writing                                        Class of 2013 & beyond
- Apply Mathematics                      Class of 2014 & beyond

### Preparation

1. Cover the Oregon Standards in the subject areas for the student’s grade level. The Test Specifications at each grade level give the strands and example test questions.
2. Allowable resources (paper, pencil, calculator, blocks, etc.) are available in the test room. Demonstrate and use at home the allowable resources during instruction. For math there are calculators available online at

<http://www.oaks.k12.or.us/students.html> OR students can choose to use a real calculator that will be provided.

3. Use printable practice tests and scoring guides for each subject area. These are on the Logos website listed by grade level (3<sup>rd</sup> – High School) and found under OAKS.
4. Give an online practice test.
5. Only 11<sup>th</sup> grade students take the writing test. Examples of high school “Writing Scored Student Tests” can be reviewed at <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?=527>

### **Online Practice Tests:**

- **Must use Mozilla Firefox browser versions 4.0 through version 6.0 .** Download this browser for free. [http://filehippo.com/download\\_firefox/10410/](http://filehippo.com/download_firefox/10410/) The download button is in the top right corner of the screen.
- OAKS online test available at <http://www.oaks.k12.or.us/students.html>.
- This test is not scored.
- You are a guest (anonymous user). Both boxes are already checked. Click on “Sign-in”.
- The most important reason to take the practice test is for the student to become familiar with the online test process and tools.
- **Read-aloud feature new for 2011-12 version of OAKS – Must use the “Secure Browser”.** This works in the practice version, too! Follow these steps:
  1. First the student logs in.
  2. On the “Choose Settings” page in the box next to “Text to Speech” change the box to “Item.”
  3. Then click the “Select” button

### **Testing Day**

The testing period is 1 hour 30 minutes. Please plan to arrive **ON TIME** and check in. Students all begin their tests together. If you are late, you may be asked to come back another time. Please call Logos 541-842-3658 if your child is sick so his/her test can be rescheduled.

During the test allowable resources (paper, pencils, calculator, etc.) are available and students may get them anytime during the test. Students are encouraged to raise their hand to ask for a break, use the bathroom, or get a drink of water. No problem at all. Please coach your students to take the initiative.

The OAKS test is untimed. That by itself relieves much pressure! If a student does not finish, please schedule them for one of the available makeup sessions to complete their test.

Your student will be able to leave the testing room when finished with the test or finished for the day. Parents can choose to stay and relax in our comfy main room or leave your cell phone number with the receptionist. She will call you if your student finishes early.

### **Promote Success on Test Day:**

- ❖ Students should be well rested.
- ❖ Bring a water bottle, if desired.
- ❖ Eat before coming.
- ❖ No cell phones are allowed in the testing room. They should be left at home or with the parent.
- ❖ Positive attitudes – do your best!

### **Testing Results**

The student's score appears the last screen of the test. The student's ES will share test results with the parent. Compare scores to the OAKS 2011-12 Scores and Achievement Standards posted on the Logos website. For information on test strands and example questions go to the Logos website in respective grade and subject test specifications (example: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math Test Specifications).

I would be glad to help if you have any questions or concerns about OAKS testing.

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