

Hello CMS Families,

Every year Centennial School District students participate in statewide testing in English Language Arts and Math. In addition, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participate in state testing in Science. Testing for Centennial Middle School Students will take place later this spring. We will provide you with the dates as they get closer. There are many benefits to state testing:

“Why does participation matter? While no single test can give a complete picture of your child’s progress, statewide tests provide educators and administrators with information about what educational approaches are working and progress and where additional resources are needed. Your child’s participation is important to ensure schools and districts receive the targeted information to determine resources they need to help all students succeed.” (Oregon Department of Education).

However, if you elect for your child not to participate, you may access the 30-Day Opt Out form on the district website. To access the form, you may go to the [Centennial School District website](#).