

Hello CMS Families,

Every year Centennial School District students participate in statewide testing in 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 May 9, 2022 through May 20, 2022. Make up dates will be May 23, 2022 through June 3, 2022.

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 for Language Arts and Math on the district website. To access the form, you may go to the [Centennial School District website](#).

All 8th Grade students are scheduled to take the Science State Test in May. If you wish to request your 8th grade student Opt-Out for the Science test, a written request must be submitted to Centennial School District. This is a separate request than the 30 Day Opt-Out Language Arts and Math form provided on the CSD website, which only pertains to Language Arts and Math. Exemptions may be granted, upon review, for religious and/or disability reasons.

For 8th Grade Science Assessment please see: OAR 581-021-0009: Exemptions allows parents to request that their student be exempted from testing based on disability or religion. Unlike the opt-out process for Math and ELA, parent requests for exemption for all other tests (8th Grade Science) must satisfy the following conditions:

- Be submitted in writing to the district (there is no standardized form)
- Include reasons for request (disability or religion)
- Propose an alternative learning activity for the student
- Is subject to district review and determination whether to approve

If you are requesting that your 8th student Opt-Out of the Science test, please forward your request to Tiffany Shaffer, CMS testing coordinator, [tiffany\\_shaffer@csd28j.org](mailto:tiffany_shaffer@csd28j.org).