

# JON PETERSON SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIP

## ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

### 1. What do I need to know about testing?

Students participating in the Jon Peterson Special Needs (JPSN) Scholarship Program are required to complete the Ohio State Tests or approved alternative\* tests for their grade level to renew the scholarship. The student's primary provider is responsible for administering the tests. Your educational plan\*\* will outline your acknowledgment and plan for administering required testing. \*Only JPSN providers that are nonpublic schools are able to use alternative tests to renew for students in grades 3-8. Questions about alternative tests should be directed to the approved vendor. \*\*JPSN business providers only

### 2. Who can serve as a Test Administrator?

Any individual that is employed by your school/organization and holds a valid State Board of Education issued certificate/license/permit can serve as a test administrator.

### 3. What tests do I need to administer?

#### Grades 3-8

- Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD): Section 12 of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) outlines if the student should participate in the AASCD.

**Students in grades 3-8 are required to be administered the following content areas:**

	English Language Arts	Mathematics	Science
<b>Grade 3</b>	✓	✓	
<b>Grade 4</b>	✓	✓	
<b>Grade 5</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Grade 6</b>	✓	✓	
<b>Grade 7</b>	✓	✓	
<b>Grade 8</b>	✓	✓	✓

#### High School (Grades 9-12)

- Attends a chartered nonpublic school: End-of-course state tests or approved alternative tests (IOWA, Terra Nova, and/or ACT/SAT). Testing would follow the graduation pathway designated by the chartered nonpublic school. Please refer to the student's chartered nonpublic school to verify the designated graduation pathway.
- Home School: End-of-Course state tests that most closely aligns with the chosen curriculum. Please refer to the parent/guardian to verify the curriculum selected.
- Classes of 2023 and beyond: End-of-course tests in English language arts II, algebra I, geometry (or integrated mathematics I and II), biology, American history, and American government.
- Alternate Assessment for Students with the Most Significant Cognitive Disabilities

(AASCD): Section 12 of the Individualized Education Program (IEP) outlines if the student should participate in the AASCD. Administering of the AASCD may begin as early as grade 9.

#### **4. Are tests administered online or by paper?**

Ohio State Tests are online exams for all students, with some exceptions:

- Religious beliefs;
- Documented accommodation for paper testing on IEP; or
- Lack of the required technology infrastructure. Providers that lack the required technology infrastructure should contact the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce at [statetests@education.ohio.gov](mailto:statetests@education.ohio.gov) to determine their eligibility for an exception to online testing.

#### **5. What happens if a student is not proficient on the state tests?**

Only participation of the applicable grade level tests is required for the renewal of the JPSN scholarship. Students are not required for scholarship renewal purposes to meet a minimum score.

#### **6. What happens if a student does not complete the required tests for their grade level?**

Providers that do not administer required testing are in violation of their commitment to follow all requirements of state-sponsored scholarship program (OAC Rule 3301-101-09). Please contact your assigned consultant for further information.

#### **7. What are the Spring 2024 testing dates?**

##### **Spring 2024 Testing Window for Ohio's State Tests:**

- English Language Arts - March 25-April 26, 2024
- Mathematics, Science and Social Studies - April 1-May 10, 2024

##### **Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD):**

- February 26-April 19, 2024

Additional Spring 2024 testing information is posted on the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's website.

#### **8. How and where do we register for the state tests?**

Providers can order/register for state tests through the gateway to state test administration systems and resources called the Ohio's State Test Portal (Ohio Assessment System website).

#### **9. How do I ensure the scholarship office receives the test results?**

Test coordinators or their designees are responsible for pre-identifying participating students. This process ensures tracking and matching of test records. When completing the pre-id process, providers need to enter the Statewide Student Identifier (SSID). You can locate a student's SSID on the "Student" tab in the online scholarship system. Please be sure test coordinators that do not have access to the scholarship system are provided with the scholarship student's official SSID.

In cases where the testing was administered by a nonparticipating nonpublic school the provider may need to manually upload the test score results if the official SSID was not used. In these cases, the provider should obtain the score report from the nonpublic school or parent. The provider would need to upload the scanned score report and enter the tests scores into the scholarship system. Please see the *Quick Guide- Alternative Assessment Upload* document under the "User Manual and Forms" tab in the online system for step by step instructions.

Providers that utilized an approved alternative test for grades 3-8 and/or 9-12 will need to complete the bulk assessment upload. Please see the *Quick Guide- Alternative Assessment Upload* document under the "User Manual and Forms" tab in the online system for step-by-step instructions.

**Note:** (Chartered nonpublic schools only) The department assigned a four-letter code to each nonpublic school. Nonpublic schools are responsible for assigning the four-letter code followed by five numbers as a Student ID to students participating in state testing. Please note these Student IDs do not replace the official SSID. If a student is participating in a scholarship program, the **SSID in the scholarship system** must be used for the ordering and the Pre-ID process.

#### **10. Do I need to check on the test results or will the scholarship office notify providers of any issues?**

Scores for state testing are typically received in the summer. The scholarship office will notify all providers by bulk email once scores have been loaded. After this process has been completed, you will be able to verify in the scholarship system which of your students have met assessment requirements by reviewing the "Assessment" tab of the student's FY 2023 scholarship record.

#### **11. Is training offered about the rules and administration of testing?**

Training opportunities are typically offered through the State Support Teams (SST). To locate trainings in your area, providers should search STARS under event name SST.

#### **12. Where can I locate additional information regarding the state tests?**

Those who are interested may review testing resources such as FAQs, guidance documents, manuals, technical reports, tutorials, and user guides provided through the Ohio's State Test Portal (Ohio Assessment System website). You may also sign up for email alerts through the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce website. These alerts often contain key deadlines and updates to testing.

#### **Additional department contacts and resources:**

- TIDE and test ordering questions- Ohio Help Desk at 1-877-231-7809 or [OHHelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com](mailto:OHHelpdesk@cambiumassessment.com).
- State testing questions- [statetests@education.ohio.gov](mailto:statetests@education.ohio.gov)
- JPSN testing requirement questions- [peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov](mailto:peterson.scholarship@education.ohio.gov)