



August 28, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In accordance with section 1112(e)(2)(a) of the *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA), we are writing to provide information regarding the state-required assessments that will be administered this year among students at Orion Academy.

The goal of the Ohio State Board of Education's strategic plan, "*Each Child, Our Future*" is to... "ensure every child is challenged, prepared and empowered to become a resilient, lifelong learner who contributes to society."

To measure student progress toward this goal, and maintain a focus on educational equity and excellence, the law maintains that all students are required to take annual statewide assessments. To provide assessment transparency, we would like to share with you below, the various state assessments that we are required to administer to our students throughout the school year.

State Assessments for Kindergarten

- *Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA)*

State Assessments for Grades 3-8

- *Ohio State Test (OST):* ELA and Math

State Assessments for Grades 5 & 8

- *Ohio State Test (OST):* Science

English Language Proficiency State Assessment for Grades K-8

- Ohio English Language Proficiency Assessment (OELPA)

State Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities for Grades 3-8

- Alternate Assessment for Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities (AASCD)

For additional information about our assessment transparency, and/or policy regarding student participation in mandated assessments, please call us or visit our website at: <https://www.nhaschools.com/schools/Orion-Academy/en> and click on **School Operations**. The state testing information will be found under the heading, **Testing & Assessments**.

Sincerely,

Victoria Simmons
Principal