



Ridgeview High School

"It's a Great day to be a Raven"

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

As you probably know, public high schools in Oregon are required to administer the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) to all 11th grade students. For most students this series of assessments will serve as the primary means by which they will demonstrate the required essential skills. These skills will be demonstrated in the areas of literacy and mathematics and each exam (four exams total) will have its own testing sessions.

The testing window for the high school SBA is now open and runs through the end of the school year. Here at Ridgeview we hope to have testing wrapped up by the end of May in order to allow students to focus on final exams and projects. Most students will complete the Literacy component of the exam with their respective **English B classes** over a period of about a week. Also for math, students will test with their **B section math** classes or during an elective class.

The testing blocks are as follows:

Literacy	Computer Adaptive Test	February 20th - February 21st April 24th - April 25th May 8th - May 26th (make-ups and AP testers)
	Performance Task	February 23rd - February 24th April 27th - April 28th May 8th - May 26th (make-ups and AP testers)
Math	Computer Adaptive Test	February 27th - March 1st May 1st - May 2nd May 8th - May 26th (make-ups and AP testers)
	Performance Task	March 2nd - March 3rd May 4th - May 5th May 8th - May 26th (make-ups and AP testers)

You may ask, as families, how do I help my student prepare? Great question! There are mainly two ways to ensure your student is as prepared as possible; 1. that your student is well-rested, 2. that your student eats a good breakfast on the days that he/she is scheduled to test. That's it!

As stated above, this series of assessments is the primary means by which students will demonstrate the essential skills required for graduation. In addition, it will provide our school with important data that will inform our instructional practices. To that end, we encourage all families to help reinforce the importance of students putting forth their best effort.

The following links provide information about the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

- <http://rvhs.redmond.k12.or.us/files/2015/01/Smarter-Balanced-Parent-Factsheet.pdf>
- <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/resources-events/faqs/>

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