

Northridge Local Schools

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Dear Third Grade Families,

The Ohio Department of Education requires third-grade students to participate in the Ohio State Tests. This October, your third-grade student will take the ELA test. The ELA (English Language Arts) test evaluates students on literary and informational text, looking at the main idea and vocabulary. In addition, students will be evaluated on a written essay. Your child has had and will continue to work on these skills during the school day.

The ELA test will be administered both in the fall and in the spring. **ELA Fall Part I** will be offered on **Tuesday, October 26th** and **Part II** on **Thursday, October 28th**. Each section of the test is 90 minutes and will be administered by your child's classroom teacher. Students will take the test again in the spring.

Ohio's State tests help to give parents and teachers an indication of what has been mastered up to this time. In addition, teachers use Universal Screening (MAP) and classroom assessments, (tests, classwork, projects, and teacher/parent observations) to create a clearer picture of your child's academic progress. It is our mission to meet each child where they are and to move them forward academically, socially, and emotionally.

We are honored to partner with you. The following steps can help in preparing your child to take this test by following these suggestions:

1. Be sure that your child gets plenty of sleep
2. Make every effort to have your child at school, and on time on testing days
3. Tell your child that you are proud of them for all of their hard work

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Results of individual students' tests will be shared in January. Thank you for your help and kind attention.

Yours in Education,

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