



# OREGON INTERIM ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

## English Language Arts/Literacy and Mathematics

### FACT SHEET

*Interim assessments are a critical part of a balanced assessment system because, when used regularly and consistently, they provide evidence of student learning that informs instructional decisions. Interim assessments are student-centered assessments **for** learning. An Interim Assessment System is included in the Oregon Statewide Assessment System.*

<b>WHAT ARE THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS?</b>	<p>The interim assessments are optional tests that measure what students know and can do relative to the Oregon State Standards for English language arts/literacy and mathematics.</p> <p>They are adaptable to students' learning needs, and can be used for a variety of instructional purposes. More than 120 interim assessments are available for use in two different types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)</b> assess 3-8 targets and contain approximately 5-15 items; and</li><li>• <b>Focused Interim Assessment Blocks (FIABs)</b> assess 1-3 targets and also contain approximately 5-15 items.</li></ul>
<b>WHY ARE THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS GIVEN?</b>	<p>The purpose of the Interim Assessment System is to provide educators and administrators with evidence they can use to support student learning. In addition, the interim assessments provide meaningful information for monitoring student progress toward mastery of the skills measured by the Oregon State Standards.</p>
<b>WHO TAKES THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS?</b>	<p>The Interim Assessment System is designed to support students in grades 3-8 and in high school; however the interim assessments can be administered across multiple grades depending on students' learning needs.</p>
<b>HOW ARE THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS GIVEN?</b>	<p>The interim assessments are versatile and can be given in several ways, students can take computer-based tests through the OSAS Portal during on-site instruction. Educators can access semi-secure interim assessment items for use in instruction, including as formative tasks, in group work, for review of essential concepts, and more. Additionally, interim assessments are available through <a href="#">remote administration</a>.</p> <p>Unlike adaptive summative assessments, interim assessments are fixed in form. Also, some interim assessments contain items that may require hand scoring (e.g., performance tasks and brief writes).</p>
<b>WHEN ARE THE INTERIM ASSESSMENTS GIVEN?</b>	<p>The timing and frequency of interim assessment use are determined locally. The Interim Assessments will be available for use throughout the academic year.</p>