



How Ohio will build new math and English language arts tests in 2015-2016

The Ohio Department of Education is working with the American Institutes of Research – which has for many years provided testing services in Ohio – to build new math and English language arts tests for the spring of 2016. The process being used this year will give Ohio educators maximum control to ensure that the questions align with our learning standards while also meeting aggressive deadlines for producing the test.

STOP 1



ODE identifies which learning standards will be tested in each grade and subject.

August 2015

STOP 2



Test blueprints are published for each grade and subject. Blueprints list the standards to be tested and the percentage of test questions associated with the standard.

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Test Questions from AIR

- Test vendor AIR provides existing questions that have been field tested.
- Questions were taken by sample groups of students in other states. Questions judged to be reliable become candidates for use in an actual test.

STOP 3



ODE reviews the questions to ensure that each aligns to the standards that Ohio has chosen to test.

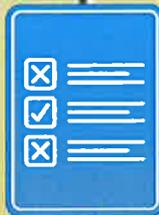
STOP 4



Committees of Ohio teachers and other stakeholders review sets of questions and select those that can appear on a test.

Committees will start meeting August 17 and continue through September 2015.

STOP 5



ODE and AIR build online and paper tests by selecting from the list of questions approved by the review committee.

September - December 2015

While this process is underway, the department also is leading a more intensive initiative that involves writing additional test questions for field testing and use in 2017.