

## Options for Demonstrating Proficiency in the Essential Skills

Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2008 -09 must demonstrate proficiency in the essential skill of reading to obtain an Oregon diploma. Students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2009-10 must demonstrate proficiency in the essential skills of reading and writing, while students who entered 9<sup>th</sup> grade in 2010 and beyond must demonstrate proficiency in the essential skills of reading, writing and applying mathematics. There are several options available for students.

The table below shows test options approved by the State Board of Education for reading and math.

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Applying Math</b>
<b>OAKS</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>236</b>
<b>ACT</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>PLAN</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Work Keys</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Compass</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>66</b> (Intermediate Algebra Test)
<b>ASSET</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>41</b> (Intermediate Algebra Test)
<b>SAT</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>450</b>
<b>PSAT</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Advanced Placement Tests that count for mathematics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP Statistics</li> <li>• AP Calculus AB</li> <li>• AP Calculus BC</li> </ul>		<b>3</b>
<b>Advanced Placement Tests that count for reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AP English Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>• AP Macroeconomics</li> <li>• AP Microeconomics</li> <li>• AP Psychology</li> <li>• AP United States History</li> <li>• AP European History</li> <li>• AP World History</li> <li>• AP United States Government &amp; Politics</li> <li>• AP Comparative Government &amp; Politics</li> </ul>	<b>3</b>	
<b>International Baccalaureate Tests that count for mathematics</b>		<b>4</b>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IB Mathematics SL</li> <li>• IB Mathematics HL</li> <li>• IB Math Studies</li> </ul>		
<b>International Baccalaureate Tests that count for reading</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IB English Language</li> <li>• IB History of Americas</li> <li>• IB History of Europe</li> <li>• IB 20th Century Topics</li> <li>• IB Economics</li> <li>• IB Psychology</li> <li>• IB Social Anthropology</li> </ul>	<b>4</b>	

### Writing

The table below shows the test options approved by the State Board of Education.

	<b>Writing</b>
<b>OAKS</b>	<b>40*</b>
<b>SAT Writing</b>	<b>460</b>

\*a composite score of 40 (with an average score of 4 on each required trait)

### Work Samples

Students may meet essential skill requirements using work samples scored with the official state scoring guides.

#### Reading

Students must produce 2 reading work samples, at least one of which must be informative. (Students could have 1 informative and 1 literary work sample or 2 informative work samples.) Each work sample must have a total score of 12 or higher, with no trait lower than 3. Traits are Demonstrate General Understanding, Develop an Interpretation, and Analyze Text.

#### Writing

Students must complete 3 writing work samples, one expository, one persuasive and one narrative. Scores on each work sample must be 4 or higher in the required traits of Ideas/Content, Organization, Sentence Fluency and Conventions.

#### Applying Mathematics

Students must complete 2 mathematics problem solving tasks, one each for any two of the required content strands – Algebraic Relationships, Geometry, or Probability and Statistics. Each work sample must score 4 or higher in the four traits plus accuracy. Traits are Conceptual Understanding, Processes and Strategies, Verification and Communication.