

The Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) for English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA), Mathematics and Science

The Washington Access to Instruction and Measurement (WA-AIM) is part of the state testing program called the Washington Comprehensive Assessment Program or WCAP.

The WA-AIM is designed for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Students are eligible only if an alternate assessment is indicated in their active individualized education program (IEP) by the IEP team.



ELA, Mathematics, and Science

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
<p>All eligible students in grades 3–8 and 10 for ELA and mathematics and grades 5, 8 and 11 for science.</p>	<p>Measures what students know and can do through alternate achievement standards which are aligned with the Common Core State Standards for ELA and mathematics and the Washington State Science Standards for science.</p>	<p>Through the use of annually administered performance tasks, the WA-AIM is administered from mid-October through early April . You will receive additional information from your school about the specific dates and times of testing.</p>
HOW		WHY
<p>Administered one-on-one by a Test Administrator who is familiar with the student and their needs. Tests are administered in the instructional setting and student performance is documented, submitted, and scored in a computer-based system.</p>		<p>Measures what students know and can do. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills so students get the support they need.</p>

How can I help my student prepare for the test?

You are an important part of your student's education. Some things you can do to help your student are:

- Discuss the purpose of the state tests with your student. Help them be relaxed and comfortable.
- Tell your student that you and their teacher want them to do well and try their best and that you are both there to support them.
- Make sure your student is prepared for school on test days as they would be before every school day.
- Review test results with your student and discuss with their teacher where your student might need additional help.



The WA-AIM ELA, mathematics, and science assessments are aligned to the state learning standards through state developed Access Point Frameworks. Information about the Access Point Frameworks can be found at <http://www.k12.wa.us/Assessment/WA-AIM/Frameworks.aspx>.

Additional Information

More information about the WA-AIM can be found on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's web page at <http://www.k12.wa.us/assessment/WA-AIM/default.aspx>.

For more information about your student's scores, contact your student's teacher and/or the school office.

