How can parents help their children with the NeSA Tests?

- Parents should make certain their children attend school regularly.
- Parents should monitor to be sure students complete homework.
- Parents should communicate regularly with the school.
- Parents can be sure students are rested before the tests.

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SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

Sample questions are available at: http://www.education.ne.gov/Assessment/index.html Click on the test subject on the left side of the screen. These questions are similar to actual test questions that may appear on NeSA tests.

NEBRASKA STANDARDS

Nebraska standards are available at: http://www.education.ne.gov/AcademicStandards/index.htm Nebraska content standards state what students should know and be able to do. The NeSA tests will measure how well students meet the standards.

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The Nebraska Department of Education homepage is available at: http://www.education.ne.gov. The department's homepage provides links to numerous resources for educators and the public, including the State of the Schools Report.

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What are the NeSA Tests?

- NeSA tests are state-developed tests in the subjects of reading, mathematics, science and writing.
- Most NeSA tests are administered online. Fourth grade writing is administered in paper/pencil.
- NeSA test results are publicly reported each fall in the State of the Schools report.
- NeSA test results are used for both state and federal accountability reports.

Who Takes the NeSA Tests?

- Students in grades 3-8, and 11 take the reading and mathematics NeSA tests.
- Students in grades 5, 8, and 11 take the NeSA Science test.
- Students in grades 4, 8, and 11 take the NeSA-Writing test.
- Students with the most significant disabilities and whose Individual Educational Plan requires it, may be assessed with the NeSA-AA (alternate assessment). This is generally less than 1% of the student population.

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What is the Schedule for the NeSA Tests?

- NeSA writing is administered in the months of January/February.
- NeSA reading, mathematics and science tests are administered in a six-week window beginning in late March and ending in early May.
- Most NeSA tests are scheduled to be administered in two sessions with a scheduled break.
- NeSA Writing (Grades 8, 11) tests are scheduled for one session.

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