

SCS 2023 - 2024 REQUIRED TENNESSEE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS & DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS

Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle Schools
All students are expected to participate in all tests mandated in federal regulations and/or state law.

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
TNReady Achievement Test	3-8	This test is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1602.	TNReady assessments measure a student’s skills in English-Language Arts, math, science and social studies in grades 6 -8, ELA, mathematics, and science for grades 3- 5. TNReady Achievement: student score provides a raw score that is used to calculate course grade for report cards [<i>currently 15% of 2nd semester grades (grades 3-5) & 15% of 2nd semester grades (grades 6-8)</i>] Test results are used in teacher, school and district accountability with the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government. Results also count for 10% of a student’s final grade in each subject.	TCAP ACH grades 3-8 Tentative: TCAP grades 3-5 April 15 – April 30, 2024 TCAP – Grades 6 -8 : April 22 – May 3, 2024 * State will release test dates later this summer	“Quick score” results are expected within 3 weeks of the test administration. The quick scores are converted using the cube root method by the district testing coordinator and sent to teachers to use for final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. District office staff distribute these reports to schools to share with parents in the fall.

Student Achievement: High School Courses
All students are expected to participate in all tests mandated in federal regulations and/or state law.

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TNReady End of Course (EOC) Exams	Students enrolled in certain high school level courses	These tests are given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1602.	End of Course tests are used as a measure of student skills in specific subjects; student score provides a raw score that is used to calculate course grade for report cards [<i>currently 15% of 2nd 9 weeks' grade</i>]	Fall EOC: November 27 – December 14, 2023 Spring EOC: Tentative April 22 – May 3, 2024 TCAP STATE TESTING WINDOW** Online computer- based testing *State Testing Dates Subject to change pending TDOE	“Quick score” results are expected within 3 weeks of the test administration. The quick scores are converted using the cube root method by the district testing coordinator and sent to teachers to use for final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. District office staff distribute these reports to schools to share with parents in the fall of the following year.
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Student Achievement: Exceptional Education

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
TCAP-Alt / MSAA Assessments	3-11	This assessment is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602.	<i>Alternate assessments are designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities (about one percent of the student population). The structures of alternate assessments are designed around the students' physical and cognitive disabilities in a way that allows them to answer test questions and participate in the test as independently as possible.</i> From tn.gov. Learn more here: https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/alternate-assessment.html	TBA <i>Administered within regular instructional time</i>	The state releases individual student reports with details of performance. District office staff distribute these reports to schools to share with parents.

Citizenship / Civics

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
U.S. Civics Exam	9-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-6-408.	From tn.gov: <i>As per state law (T.C.A. § 49-6-408), students must take and pass (70 percent or higher) the United States citizenship and immigration test during the student’s high school career (i.e., grades 9-12). https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/civicsassessments.html</i>	Schools schedule as necessary	Results are available soon after the test is given. School administrators decide when and how to share the results with students and parents.

College & Career Readiness

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
ACT	11-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-6-6001(b).	<i>The ACT is a college readiness test utilized by hundreds of colleges and universities. It also helps determine which students are eligible for the HOPE Scholarship from the state.</i>	Standard testing and accommodations: October 17-19 & 24-26, 2023 All ACT testing is online	Student-level reports are available 3-8 weeks after the test administration.
				Juniors: Spring 2024 Standard and accommodations: March 26-29 & April 1-5, 2024	

National Assessments					
Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)	Varying grades in selected schools only	This assessment is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177.	NAEP is administered to a small number of Tennessee students in selected schools. NAEP is a national test designed to help measure Tennessee's academic performance against that of other states. That is why it is called "the nation's report card."	TBA	There are no results provided at the student, school or district level. State-level results are posted online six months after the test administration.

Industry Certification, Dual Credit, and Advanced Academics Assessments					
Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
Industry Certification Exams	10-12	These certification exams are given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 for the Ready Graduate accountability indicator.	Industry certifications (IC) are earned through secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs and courses that are focused on robust, career-aligned learning pathways. Students are provided relevant education and training to jumpstart their postsecondary degrees and credentials. Students, with their certificate, degree or credential, can transition seamlessly into the workforce and contribute to the success of our economy. Learn more her: https://www.tn.gov/education/pathwaystn.html	TBA	Based upon specific industry certification
Dual Credit Exams	10-12	These exams are given to comply with Tennessee Code	Students enrolled in statewide dual credit courses take the online challenge exam which is used to assess mastery of the post-secondary level learning objectives. Students who meet or	TBA	Results are provided through the online testing platform upon completion of the exam.

		Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-15-104.	exceed the exam “cut score” receive college credit that can be applied to any Tennessee public postsecondary institution.		
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Academic Support					
Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose & Use	Test Window	Reporting
Easycbm Universal Screener for reading and math	K-12	This test is given to comply with the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 2004 34 CFR 300.8(c)(10) and TN Special Education and Services Act 0520-01-09 Rule 0520-01-09-12.	RTI/MTSS (Response to Intervention/Multitiered System of Student Support) is an instructional support system designed to give students the individual support they need to learn. Progress monitoring is routinely done for students in intervention to assess if the interventions are sufficient in reading, writing and/or math.	<p>SY 2023/24</p> <p>Fall: August 1 – September 29, 2023</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Winter: December 4, 2023– February 2, 2024</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Spring: April 10, 2024 – May 14, 2024</p>	The school shares student level reports with parents. Students who take part in intervention will receive regular progress reports for parents.

Advanced Placement Exams	9-12	<p>District – The AP exams are final assessments for the corresponding college-level course taken in high school. Scores can be used to award credit or to determine placement upon entering college.</p> <p>Go here to learn more: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/</p>	<p>From AP Central:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Research shows that students who take AP courses and exams are much more likely than their peers to complete a college degree on time^[4]—which means they avoid paying for, for example, a fifth year of tuition.</i> • <i>Most colleges and universities nationwide offer college credit, advanced placement, or both for qualifying AP Exam scores. This can mean:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Fulfilling graduation requirements early</i> <p><i>Being able to skip introductory courses or required general education courses</i></p>	<p>*2024 AP Exams will be administered during the first two full weeks of May 2024, with late testing occurring during the 3rd week of May. Detailed exam calendar available here: https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/examadministration-ordering-scores/examdates</p>	<p>Results are available in July for the May exams.</p>
WIDA ACCESS Placement Tests for English Learners (also called W-APT)	K-12	<p>This test is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177.</p>	<p>W-APT is given to students who speak a language other than English at home. It is used to help determine which kind and level of English language support they need. It also helps us know in which level to place students for the annual WIDA ACCESS assessment that all English Learner students take.</p>	<p>Administered to English Learner students upon enrollment</p>	<p>School staff score the tests, and the results are given to parents immediately.</p>

District Assessments

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District Benchmark Tests #1: CASE	3-8; HS 9 -12	While not required by law, these assessments are aligned to state content standards.	<i>CASE Benchmark assessments help teachers identify particular areas of need for students and supports instruction towards success for the state testing. For administrators, the assessments ensure classroom alignment and pacing and provides grade and subject reports for DOK (depth of knowledge) instruction.</i>	TBA Grades 3-8: Grades 9-12:	Results are available soon after the test administration. School staff decide when and how to share the results with students and parents.
District Benchmark Tests #2: CASE	3-8; HS 9 -12	Not required by law	<i>CASE Benchmark assessments help teachers identify particular areas of need for students and supports instruction towards success for the state testing. For administrators, the assessments ensure classroom alignment and pacing and provides grade and subject reports for DOK (depth of knowledge) instruction.</i>	TBA Grades 3-8: Grades 9-12:	Results are available within 72 hours after district completion and submission. The results are used inhouse.

For up-to-date information throughout the year regarding state and district assessments, visit the SCS website: <https://www.sumnerschools.org/>