

**Marion County Schools  
2020-2021 Assessment Calendar**

As required by T.C.A. § 49-6-6007, this is a listing of state mandated assessments for the 2020-2021 school year.

Assessment Name	Length of Assessment
<p><b>TCAP English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies</b>  <b>Administration Window:</b> April 12-May 6  <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A. § 49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. Modified assessments in Braille and large print are also provided in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990.  <b>Purpose and Use:</b> The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of our state standards.  <b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Individual student reports will be shared with parents at the beginning of the new school year.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html</a></p>
<p><b>TCAP End-of-Course</b>  <b>Administration Window:</b> Fall Block – November 30 –December 17  Spring Block- April 12-May 6  <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015 and T.C.A. § 49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. Modified assessments in Braille and large print are also provided in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1990.  <b>Purpose and Use:</b> The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of our state standards. TCAP EOC assessments are given to help measure how much a student grows academically in a particular content area. <b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Individual student reports will be shared with parents at the beginning of the new school year.</p>	<p><a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html</a></p>
<p><b>TCAP Grade 2 English Language Arts and Math</b>  <b>Administration Window:</b> April 12--May 6  <b>Required:</b> Yes, by district  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> None  <b>Purpose and Use:</b> This test is given to help measure how much a second-grade student grows academically over the course of a school year.  <b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Individual student reports will be shared with parents at the beginning of the new school year.</p>	<p><b>English:</b> Total: 162 minutes  Subpart 1: 40 minutes  Subpart 2: 40 minutes  Subpart 3: 40 minutes  Subpart 4: 42 minutes  <b>Math:</b> Total: 82 minutes  Subpart 1: 40 minutes  Subpart 2: 42 minutes</p>

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<p><b>TCAP Grade 2 English Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities</b>  The TCAP Grade 2 Alternate assessment is the English language arts and math assessment for students in grade 2 with the most significant cognitive disabilities. The grade 2 Alternate assessment is administered via paper by the teacher.</p> <p><b>Administration Window:</b> March 15- April 30</p> <p><b>Required:</b> No, however if a district opts to administer the TCAP grade 2 Alternate Assessment, they must also administer the grade 2 Alternate Assessment to eligible students.</p> <p><b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> The development of alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities is authorized under a department regulation (34 C.F.R. Part 200) published on December 9, 2003, and T.C.A § 49-1-612. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title I require inclusion of all students with disabilities in the state assessment system.</p> <p><b>Purpose and Use:</b> This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.</p> <p><b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Individual student reports will be shared with parents at the beginning of the new school year.</p>	<p><b>March 15- April 30</b></p> <p>Students are given the assessment during class time throughout the window based on student needs and class schedules.</p>
<p><b>Students with Disabilities</b>  TCAP-Alternate will include the Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) in English language arts and math, as well as the TCAP-Alternate assessment in science and social studies. TCAP-Alternate is an assessment based on alternate achievement standards. This assessment is appropriate for students with a significant cognitive disability as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. The MSAA is designed to be administered online by the test administrator. The TCAP-Alternate science and social studies is designed to be administered via paper by the test administrator.</p> <p><b>Administration Window:</b> March 15—April 30 (Tentative)</p> <p><b>Required:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> The development of alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities is authorized under a department regulation (34 C.F.R. Part 200) published on December 9, 2003, and T.C.A § 49-1-612. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and Title I require inclusion of all students with disabilities in the state assessment system.</p> <p><b>Purpose and Use:</b> This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.</p> <p><b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance and will share these reports with parents.</p>	<p>Students are given the assessment during class time throughout the window based on student needs and class schedules.</p>
<p><b>ACCESS for English Learners (EL)</b>  English Learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs to determine language proficiency. ACCESS assesses students in the four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.</p> <p><b>Administration Window:</b> February 17 - April 3</p> <p><b>Required:</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015.</p> <p><b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Student level reports are provided to students approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment. Additional information is posted to <a href="https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx">https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx</a></p>	<p>The test is self-paced with target administration times for each section of the test as follows: Listening: Up to 40 minutes Reading: Up to 35 minutes Speaking: Up to 30 minutes Writing Tier A: Up to 45 minutes Writing Tiers B/C: Up to 60 minutes</p>

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<p><b>National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)</b>  The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what America's students know and can do in various subject areas.  <b>Administration Window:</b> January 25–March 19, 2021  <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Administered in accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015, which requires the state to participate in the biennial state academic assessments of fourth and eighth grade reading and mathematics. Districts that receive Title I funds are required to participate.  <b>Purpose &amp; Use:</b> Only a small sample of Tennessee fourth and eighth graders will take this test. This test, often called the nation's report card, measures Tennessee's academic achievement against other states also taking this test.  <b>Results to Parents &amp; Students:</b> No student level results provided See more at:  <a href="https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/naep.html">https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/naep.html</a></p>	<p>60-90 minutes</p> <p><a href="http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard">http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard</a></p>
<p><b>District Formative Assessments</b>  <b>Universal Screeners:</b> Easy CBM  <b>Administration Window:</b> Fall, Winter, and Spring <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Universal screeners are required by TDOE to determine students eligible for additional services.  <b>Purpose and Use:</b> A universal screener is administered to ALL students to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve grade-level standards. Universal screening reveals which students are performing at or above the level considered necessary for achieving long-term success (general outcome measures). This data can also serve as a benchmark for measuring the improvement of a group, class, grade, school, or district. Universal screening can be used to identify students in need of further intervention due to identified skill deficits below the 25th percentile. A more precise assessment may be needed to determine a student's specific area(s) of deficit before beginning an intervention. Student progress will be monitored every two weeks in the areas of identified skill deficits.  <b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Parents will receive universal screening results with the student's progress report.</p>	<p>Marion County uses Easy CBM to assess basic reading and math skills three times per year. Reading measures include early literacy, fluency, comprehension and vocabulary. Early literacy and fluency are both comprised of two 1-minute probes. While comprehension and vocabulary measures are untimed, comprehension usually takes students up to 30 minutes and vocabulary takes approximately 10-15 minutes.</p> <p>Math measures skills in number and operations, geometry, and measurement and all are untimed but generally take between 8-15 minutes each for completion.</p>
<p><b>ACT</b>  <b>Administration Window:</b> Sept. 22-25, Sept 28-Oct. 2, Oct. 20, Oct. 20-23 and 26  March2, March 2-5, March 8-12, March 2-4, March 9-11  <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-6001, all public school students must participate in a postsecondary readiness assessment such as the ACT or SAT. Districts may choose to administer the ACT or the SAT. Districts can also provide both assessments and allow their students to choose the assessment that is right for them. To receive a regular high school diploma, all students enrolled in a Tennessee public school during their eleventh (11) grade year must take either the ACT or SAT. Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, students enrolled in Tennessee public schools during their eleventh grade year must complete the ACT or SAT prior to graduation (see <a href="#">High School Policy 2.103</a>).  <b>Purpose and Use:</b>  The ACT is a national college admissions examination that consists of subject area tests in:  English – Mathematics – Reading – Science    The ACT with writing includes the four subject area tests plus a 40-minute <a href="#">writing test</a>.</p>	<p><b>Length of Assessments:</b>  English – 45 minutes  Mathematics – 60 minutes  Reading – 35 minutes  Science – 35 minutes</p>

<p>ACT results are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities in the US.</p> <p>The ACT includes 215 multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes to complete, including a short break (or just over four hours if you are taking the ACT with writing). Actual testing time is 2 hours and 55 minutes (plus 40 minutes if you are taking the ACT with writing).</p> <p>The ACT is administered on <a href="#">seven test dates</a> within the US, US territories, Puerto Rico, and Canada. In other locations, the ACT is administered on <a href="#">five test dates</a>.</p> <p>The <a href="#">basic registration fee</a> includes score reports for up to four college choices, if you list valid codes when you register.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ACT tests are prepared according to the: <i>Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing</i>, American Educational Research Association, American Psychological Association, and National Council on Measurement in Education (1999).</li> <li>• <i>Code of Professional Responsibilities in Educational Measurement</i>, National Council on Measurement in Education (1995).</li> <li>• <i>Code of Fair Testing Practices in Education</i>, Joint Committee on Testing Practices (2004).</li> </ul> <p><b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> The results are sent directly to parents and students from ACT.</p>	
<p><b>ASVAB</b>  <b>Administration Window:</b> March 2  <b>Required:</b> Yes  <b>Applicable Federal/State Law:</b> NA  <b>Purpose and Use:</b>  ASVAB scores are used to determine if you are qualified to enlist in the military and to assign you to an appropriate job in the military.  <b>Results to Parents and Students:</b> Results delivered directly to parents and students by the Department of Defense.</p>	<p><b>Length of Assessment:</b> 3 hours</p>