

HAMBLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT AND STATE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of the state and district mandated assessments for the 2017-2018 school year.

2017-2018 District Mandated Assessments

Kindergarten Entry Inventory (KEI)

Purpose and Use- This screening tool is designed to provide a developmental profile of each kindergarten student in order to inform kindergarten instruction.

Dates of Administration - The KEI is administered by kindergarten teachers during the first eight weeks of school. Dates for this year's administration are August 10-Sept. 21, 2017. This screening is conducted in the course of the regular school day.

Grades Administered – Kindergarten

Results to Parents and Students – Teachers will review the KEI with parents during parent teacher conferences in the fall.

Grade 2 Assessment

Purpose and Use – This test is given to help measure how much a second grade student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Dates of Administration – April 24 – May 4, 2018

Grades Administered – 2nd Grade

Results to Parents and Students - Grade 2 assessment results from the 2017-18 school year will be released to parents and students in summer 2018.

AP EXAMS

Purpose and Use - Advanced Placement (AP) is a program created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

Date of Administration – May 7-18, 2018

Grades Administered – 9-12 in AP Courses only

Results to Parents and Students – Students will receive an email in early July telling them how and where to access their scores.

PSAT 8/9

Purpose and Use – The PSAT 8/9 is a standardized test administered by the College Board that establishes a baseline measurement of a student’s college and career readiness as they get ready to enter high school.

Date of Administration – PSAT – Oct. 2017

Grades Administered – PSAT – grade 8

Results to Parents and Students – Students will receive individual score reports within six to eight weeks of testing,

WIDA MODEL

Purpose and Use – WIDA MODEL is a multipurpose assessment created by WIDA. At the district level, this assessment is available to administer to EL students in order to gain a timely measure of language proficiency throughout the year. The assessment may be administered to a group of students as an interim benchmark, or it may be administered individually to an EL student to assist in determining the appropriate level of ESL service needed.

Date of Administration – Throughout the school year, as needed.

Grades Administered – K-12 EL Students

Results to Parents and Students – These results will be utilized by school personnel to inform individualized language development instruction. Results are calculated by the teacher immediately following the administration of the test and are shared with parents and classroom teachers.

2017-2018 State Mandated Assessments

<https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates>

RTI Universal Screening

Purpose and Use - These screenings are mandated by state policy and help support our “Response to Instruction and Intervention” (RTI) initiative. Students who demonstrate a need for intervention are required by state policy to participate in progress monitoring testing every two weeks.

Dates of Administration – August 14-September 13, 2017

November 20 – December 19, 2017

April 30 – May 16, 2018

Grades Administered - These assessments are administered three times per year to all students

in grades 1-11 during times known as “Universal Screenings.”

Results to Parents and Students -These results will be utilized by school personnel to tailor the design of each child’s intervention. Students who are making expected progress are identified as Tier I. Those students who are identified through RTI as Tier II or Tier III are in need of intervention. Parents of students identified as Tier II or Tier III will be notified through written communication, conference, phone call, or email.

TNReady English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies Grades 3-8

Purpose and Use - 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.

Date of Administration - April 16-May 2, 2018

Grades Administered - 3rd-8th grades

Results to Parents and Students - Score reports will not be available until fall 2018.

End of Course Exams (EOCs) (Grades 9-12)

Purpose and Use - 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:

- English I/II/III
- Algebra I/Geometry/Algebra II
- U.S. History
- Chemistry
- Biology

Date of Administration – Fall Block Nov. 28-Dec. 15, 2017 Spring Block April 16-May 2, 2018

Grades Administered – Grades 9-12 for students taking EOC courses and grade 8 for students taking Alg. I.

Results to Parents and Students – Score reports from the 2017-18 school year for EOC assessments will be provided to districts in fall 2018 to distribute to parents.

MSAA for Students with Disabilities

Purpose and Use - The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is the English language arts and math assessment for students in grades 3–8 and grade 11 with the most significant cognitive disabilities. MSAA is administered online by the teacher. This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Date of Administration – March 19-May 11, 2018 (Tentative)

Results to Parents – Parents will receive individual performance reports in the fall of 2018.

TCAP-ALT for Students with Disabilities

Purpose and Use - TCAP-Alt is the assessment for science and social studies for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Students are assessed in grades 3–8 for both science and social studies and in grade 10 for Biology. TCAP-Alt is administered via paper by the teacher.

Date of Administration – March 19-May 11, 2018 (Tentative)

Results to Parents – Parents will receive individual performance reports in the fall of 2018.

ACCESS for English Learners

Purpose and Use - 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.

Date of Administration – March 5-April 20, 2018 (Tentative) Grades Administered – K-12 EL Students

Results to Parents – District will receive results in early summer. Parents will receive individual student reports in the fall during the first week of school.

For more information, see <https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx>.

ACT for Juniors

Purpose and Use - Students in Tennessee are required to take a college entrance exam (either the ACT or SAT) in the eleventh grade. This is now a graduation requirement for students seeking a regular or honors diploma. Districts in Tennessee contract with ACT to provide an opportunity to take the ACT at their own school during the school day at no cost to the student.

Date of Administration - March 20, 2018 Make-up date - April 3, 2018

Grades Administered - 11 graders

Results to Parents - ACT test results are provided to districts in the late spring. Students receive their results directly from ACT.

ACT Senior Retake

Purpose and Use – This is an opportunity for seniors who took the ACT as juniors to retake the ACT. If a senior missed taking the ACT for the first time in their junior year, they can take the test on the Senior Retake date.

Date of Administration – October 3, 2017

Grades Administered – 12th graders

Results to Parents – Students receive ACT test results directly from ACT.

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Purpose and Use - NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation. NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time. In even-numbered years, NAEP measures Tennessee student's academic achievement against students in other states also taking this test.

See more at: <http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/naep#sthash.xPLWmzTk.dpuf>

Date of Administration - Jan. 29- March 9, 2018

Grades Administered - Grades 4, 8, & 12 (NCES selects a sample of schools that reflect the varying demographics of each state. Within each selected school, students are chosen at random. Every student has the same chance of being chosen—regardless of race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, status as an English language learner, or any other factors.)

Results to Parents - No results are provided to districts or parents.