

Claiborne County Schools

2015 - 2016 Assessment Schedule

As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of state and district mandated assessments for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

Grades 3-8

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, TNReady will become the state's new and improved TCAP test for English language arts and math in grades 3-11. It will provide us with more and better information about our students' progress. Also beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, the social studies TCAP which is based on new content standards will be administered in the same format as TNReady. These tests will be administered online using the MIST platform. These tests will be given in two parts.

Part I

- In reading and writing – students will read from texts and provide written responses to support their answers.
- In math – students will solve multi-step problems, many without using a calculator, to show what they know.
- In social studies – students will respond to extended response items

Part II

- For all content areas will consist of multiple choice and selected response items.

TCAP Achievement Science will measure current content standards and be administered during Part II on paper forms.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b) and T.C.A §49-1-602 pertaining to district and school accountability. ELSA is administered in accordance with the No child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(ix-x). Modified assessments in Braille and large print are administered in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(C)(ix)(II).

Purpose & Use

The new **TNReady** TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TNReady will measure student understanding of our current state standards in English language arts and math, not the previous SPIs. - See more at: tn.gov/education/topic/tnready

TCAP Achievement Science and Social Studies are given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

Part I (online): February 8 – March 4

Part II (online): April 18 – May 13

Part II (Science – Paper Only): May 4, 2016

Districts may select a testing window within the state’s administration window.

Length of Assessment

Each test part (by subject) is divided into two subtests. Times will be finalized by September 2015.

Grade 3

- Reading Language Arts: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Math: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Social Studies: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Science: 104 minutes

Grades 4-8

- Reading Language Arts: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Math: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Social Studies: 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Science: 95 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Quick Score reports, which provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of their student's performance, may be provided to districts by early summer 2016. These may be used to help calculate final grades for report cards.

Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance in early fall 2016 after standard setting. Districts can choose how and when to share these reports with parents.

Grades 9 - 12

Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, TNReady will become the state's new and improved TCAP test for English language arts and math in grades 3-11. It will provide us with more and better information about our students' progress. Also beginning in the 2015-2016 school year, TCAP End of Course U.S. History based on new content standards will be administered in the same format as TNReady. These tests will be administered online using the MIST platform. English language arts: English I, English II, English III

Math: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II

These tests will be given in two parts.

Part I

1. In English language arts – students will read from texts and provide written responses to support their answers.
2. In math – students will solve multi-step problems, many without using a calculator, to show what they know.
3. In U.S. History – students will respond to extended response items

Part II

- For all content areas will consist of multiple choice and selected response items.

TCAP EOC Biology and Chemistry will measure current content standards and will be administered during Part II on paper forms.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

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The new **TNReady TCAP** tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TNReady will measure student understanding of our current state standards in English language arts and math, not the previous SPIs. - See more at: tn.gov/education/topic/tnready.

TCAP EOC Biology, Chemistry and U.S. History are given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

For full year schedules:

- Part I (online): February 8 – March 4

- Part II (online): April 18 – May 13
- Part II (paper window – includes Science): April 25 – May 6

For fall block schedules:

- Part I (online): November 2 – November 20
- Part II (online and paper window): November 30 – December 18
- Biology and Chemistry Assessments: Dec. 9, 2015

For spring block schedules:

- Part I (online): April 11 – April 29
- Part II (online): April 25 – May 13
- Biology and Chemistry Assessments: May 4, 2016

Districts may select a testing window within the state’s administration window.

Length of Assessment

Each test Part (by subject) is divided into two subtests. All test times will be finalized by September 2015.

- English I, II, and III: 60-90 minutes per subtest
- Algebra I and II: 60-90 minutes per subtest
- Geometry: 60-90 minutes per subtest
- Biology: Recommend 60 to 90 minutes per subtest
- Chemistry: Recommend 60 to 90 minutes per subtest

Results to Parents & Students

Quick Score reports, which provide teachers and parents with a snapshot of their student’s performance, may be provided to districts by early summer 2016. These may be used to help calculate final grades for report cards.

Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance in early fall 2016 after standard setting. Districts can choose how and when to share these reports with parents.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.e5DGYfaA.dpuf>

Special Populations

Students with Disabilities

National Center and State Collaborate (NCSC)

During the 2015-16 school year, TCAP-Alt will include the National Center and State Collaborate (NCSC) Assessment in Reading/Language Arts and Math, as well as the TCAP-Alt portfolio assessment in Science and Social Studies. TCAP-Alt is an alternate 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. All of these assessments will be administered online.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

The development of alternate achievement standards for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities and their use for making adequate yearly progress (AYP) decisions is authorized under a Department regulation (34 C.F.R. Part 200) published on December 9, 2003. 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.

Purpose & Use

This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Administration Window

Reading/Language Arts and Math will be administered in spring 2016 over a two month window. Exact dates to be determined but we anticipate March – April as the testing months.

Science and Social Studies may begin to collect data on the first day of school. Data collection may go through the end of January and data must be entered into the online platform by the end of February 2016.

Length of Assessment

- NCSC English/Language Arts: Administered over a two month testing window
- NCSC Math: Administered over a two month testing window
- Alt Science: Data collection may begin on the first day of school through the end of January 2016
- Alt Social Studies: Data collection may begin on the first day of school through the end of January 2016

Results to Parents & Students

Districts receive individual performance reports which detail student performance in early summer. Districts can choose how and when to share these reports with parents.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

ACCESS for English Learners

During the 2015-16 school year, English Learners will take the **ACCESS for ELLs** to determine language proficiency. ACCESS assesses students in the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(C)(ix)(III).

Purpose & Use

Administered to English Learners to evaluate English proficiency.

Administration Window

March 7 – April 8

Length of Assessment

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

Results to Parents & Students

Additional information is posted to <https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx>

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

Additional Assessments for Specific Grades

EXPLORE (8th Graders)

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with T.C.A §49-6-6001(b).

Purpose & Use

Only eighth graders take this test. The ACT Explore is designed to gauge college readiness for individual students.

Administration Window

September 29, 2015

Length of Assessment

- English: 30 minutes
- Mathematics: 30 minutes
- Reading: 30 minutes
- Science: 30 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Student level reports are provided to students approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

PLAN (10th Graders)

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with T.C.A §49-6-6001(b).

Purpose & Use

Only tenth graders take this test. The ACT Plan is designed to gauge college readiness for individual students.

Administration Window

September 29, 2015

Length of Assessment

- English: 30 minutes
- Mathematics: 40 minutes
- Reading: 20 minutes
- Science: 25 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

Student level reports are provided to students approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

ACT (11th Graders)

Required

Yes; Grade 11

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with T.C.A §49-6-6001(b).

Purpose & Use

These exams are used to measure college readiness and HOPE scholarship eligibility.

All Tennessee students receive one free voucher for either ACT or SAT; requests for vouchers should be at the student's school.

Administration Window

Statewide ACT Assessment: April 19, 2016

Students may also take the ACT Weekday Test. These test dates are listed at [ACT Registration | Test Dates in the U.S., U.S. Territories, and Canada](#).

Students may also take the SAT on the dates listed at [US SAT Registration](#).

Participation in the statewide administration counts as using a voucher.

Length of Assessment

ACT:

- English: 45 minutes
- Math: 60 minutes
- Reading: 35 minutes
- Science: 35 minutes
- Writing: 30 minutes

SAT:

- 25-minute essay
- Six 25-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
- Two 20-minute sections (mathematics, critical reading and writing)
- 10-minute multiple choice writing section

Results to Parents & Students

For ACT, student level reports are provided to students approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.

You may find information about the delivery of student level scores at [SAT Scores](#)

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP)

The [NAEP Questions Tool](#) contains sample questions and data from items in previous tests.

Required

Yes

Applicable Federal/State Law

Administered in accordance with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 §1111 (b)(3)(C)(ix)(III) which requires the state to participate in the biennial state academic assessments of fourth and eighth grade reading and mathematics.

Purpose & Use

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.

Administration Window

January 25 – March 11

Length of Assessment

60 minutes

Results to Parents & Students

No student level results provided

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/education/topic/testing-dates#sthash.m91s08Jw.dpuf>

District Mandated Assessments

Universal Screener/Benchmark

AimsWeb

REQUIRED

Yes

APPLICABLE FEDERAL/STATE LAW

The Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) will be the mandated methodology for delivery of instruction in the general education curriculum in all local education agencies in the state, effective July 1, 2014

PURPOSE & USE

This benchmark assessment is given to students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade in math and reading. The data is used for screening, instructional placement, and progress monitoring.

ADMINISTRATION WINDOW

Three times per year.

Fall: September 8 – 25, 2015

Winter: Nov. 30 – Dec. 18, 2015

Spring: March 7 – April 1, 2016

LENGTH OF ASSESSMENT

Approximately 5 -15 minutes per student

RTI² Intervention Progress Monitoring

AimsWeb

REQUIRED

Yes

APPLICABLE FEDERAL/STATE LAW

The Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) will be the mandated methodology for delivery of instruction in the general education curriculum in all local education agencies in the state, effective July 1, 2014

PURPOSE & USE

The data from the intervention progress monitoring is required documentation for the Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI²) Initiative. It will be used to determine student growth and for placement in intervention tiers.

ADMINISTRATION WINDOW

Ongoing

Progress monitoring assessments will be given to Tier 2 and 3 students only. Tier 2 students will be assessed once every two weeks. Tier 3 students will be assessed weekly.

LENGTH OF ASSESSMENT

Depends on Intervention Program being used.

RESULTS TO PARENTS & STUDENTS

Parents will receive Progress Monitoring Reports every 4 1/2 weeks for students that are in Tiers 2 and 3.