

2019 - 2020 DCS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle Schools					
TNReady-TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) Achievement Test	3-8	This test is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act § 1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602.	TCAP assessments measure students' skills in English-Language Arts, math, science and social studies. 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 those subjects.	April 13 – May 8, 2020	Results are typically available soon after the test is given so teachers can calculate final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families.
Student Achievement: High School Courses					
TNReady-TCAP 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.) §49-1-602.	These assessments measure a student's skills in high school English I, II, Integrated Math I, II, III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology I, and U.S. History. Test results are used in teacher, school, and district accountability with the State of Tennessee and the Federal Government. Results also count for 15% of a student's final grade in those subjects.	December 2 – 19, 2019 April 13 – May 8, 2020	Results are typically available soon after the test is given so teachers can calculate final grades. Later the state releases more detailed individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families.
Student Achievement: Exceptional Education					
TNReady-TCAP Alt-Portfolio Assessment	3-11	This assessment is given to comply with Every Student Succeeds Act §1177 and Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) §49-1-602.	This assessment is designed for students with significant intellectual disabilities. It is based on a different set of content standards than the TCAP test. Students only take the alt-portfolio assessment when parents/guardians and education decide it is appropriate according to the students' needs.	March 16– May 8, 2020 (Tentative)	The state releases individual student reports with details of performance. These are distributed by district staff to schools and then shared with families.

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Citizenship/Civics					
U.S. Civics Exam	9-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated §49-6-408.	Students graduating after January 1, 2017, are required to take a United States civics exam composed of questions administered as part of the civics test administered by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services. Students may attempt the test multiple times during their high school career. Passage of the test is not a requirement for high school graduation.	Schools schedule as necessary	Results are available soon after the test is given. Results are maintained in InfoNOW to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts.
College & Career Readiness					
ACT	11-12	This test is given to comply with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C. A.) §49-6-6001 (b).	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 and is a graduation requirement.	Senior retake: October 1, 2019 Spring Date: March 17, 2020	Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in InfoNOW to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts.
Screenings for Academic Support					
Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI ²) Benchmark Universal Screener	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 ² (Response to Instruction and Intervention) is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs. The RTI ² process begins with high-quality instruction and universal screening of all children in the general education classroom. It includes periodic assessments to identify each student's specific needs in reading, writing and math so they can get the appropriate level of instruction.	Aug. 1 – Aug. 16, 2019 Dec. 2- Dec. 13, 2019 April 1 – May 15, 2020	Student-level reports should be shared with parents by the school. Students who take part in intervention will receive regular progress reports for parents and guardians.
WIDA ACCESS for English Learners	K-12	This test is given to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act §1177.	This assessment evaluates language proficiency of English Learner students.	Feb. 17 – April 3, 2020 (tentative)	The state releases individual student reports. These are distributed by district office staff to schools and then shared with families.

*Current information throughout the year regarding state and district assessments can be found on the Tennessee Department of Children's Services website:

<https://www.tn.gov/dcs/section/DCS-education>