

2021 - 2022 DCS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

| Assessment | Grades | Applicable Federal/State Law | Purpose | Test Window | Reporting |
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| Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle Schools | | | | | |
| TNReady-TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) Achievement Test (paper-based and computer-based) | 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. | April 18 – May 6, 2022 (paper-based) April 18-May 20,2022 (computer-based) | 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 (computer-based) | 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, Integrated Math II, Integrated Math 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. | Fall Dates: Nov. 29 – Dec. 16, 2021 Spring Dates: April 18 – May 20, 2022 | 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-Assessment | 3-8 & EOC | 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 14 – April 29, 2022 (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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| U.S. Civics Exam (Paper) | 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. | Schools schedule as necessary | Results are available soon after the test is given. Results are maintained in our student management system to document passing for graduation requirements and will print on transcripts. |
| College & Career Readiness | | | | | |
| ACT Fall (Paper) | 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 testing: Standard (Paper): Oct. 5 Initial Accommodations (Paper): Oct. 5-8 & Oct. 11-15 Make-up (Paper): Oct. 19 Makeup Accommodations (Paper): Oct.19-22 & 25 Emergency (Paper): Nov. 2 Emergency Accommodations (Paper): Nov. 2-5 & 8 | Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in our student management system to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts. |
| ACT Spring (Paper) | 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. | Standard (Paper): Mar. 1, 2022 Initial Accommodations (Paper): Mar. 1-4 & Mar. 7-11 Standard Online (Paper): Mar. 15, 2022 Initial Accommodations (Paper): Mar. 15-18 & Mar. 21-25 Standard (Paper): Mar. 29, 2022 Initial Accommodations | Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in our student management system to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts. Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test |

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| ACT Spring (Paper) | | | helps determine which students are eligible for the HOPE scholarship from the state and is a graduation requirement. | (Paper): Mar. 29-31 & April 1, 4-8 | is administered. Results are maintained in our student management system to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts. |
| ACT Spring (Online) | 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. | Standard & ACT- Authorized Accommodations (Online): Mar. 1-3 & Mar. 8-10 Standard & ACT-Authorized Accommodations (Online): Mar. 15-17 & Mar. 22-24 Standard & ACT- Authorized Accommodations (Online): Mar. 29-31 & April 5-7 | Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in our student management system 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. 3 – Nov 20, 2021 Nov. 23, 2021 – Feb. 26, 2022 March 1 – May 27, 2022 | 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. 14 – March 26, 2022 | 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/program-areas/education/specialists.html>