

2020 - 2021 DCS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
<b>Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle Schools</b>					
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.	April 12 – May 6, 2021	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.
<b>Student Achievement: High School Courses</b>					
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, 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. 30 – Dec. 17, 2020  Spring Dates: April 12 – May 6, 2021	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.
<b>Student Achievement: Exceptional Education</b>					
TNReady-TCAP Alt-Assessment and MAAS	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 15 – April 30, 2021	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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<b>Citizenship/Civics</b>					
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.	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.
<b>College &amp; Career Readiness</b>					
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: Sept. 22,2020 Oct. 6, 2020 Oct. 20, 2020 Spring Test: March 2, 2021 March 16,2021 March 30, 2021	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.
<b>Screenings for Academic Support</b>					
Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI <sup>2</sup> ) 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 <sup>2</sup> (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 <sup>2</sup> 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 – Aug. Nov 20, 2020  Nov. 23, 2020 – Feb. 26, 2021  March 1 – May 27, 2021	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. 16 – April 2, 2021	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>