

# DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

2020 – 2021



<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Testing Dates and Times</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Results</u>
<b>Universal Screening (AIMSweb)</b>  Grades K-9 (required) Grades 10-12 (students in interventions)	Fall – August 2020 Winter – Dec 2020 / Jan 2021 Spring – May 2021  Approximately 40 minutes total per testing cycle	The purpose of the state-mandated universal screening is to provide a data snapshot of a student's current performance at three points during the school year and, in some cases, progress throughout the school year, in a variety of academic areas.	Screening results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. Results are not used for grades.
<b>District Benchmark Assessments</b>  Grades 3-10 Math and ELA	Grades 3-8 and year long high school classes – the last 2 weeks of each of the first 3 quarters.  HS Block Schedule – each 6 weeks	These district interim assessments are used throughout the year to measure each student's progress towards mastery of curricular goals. Benchmark data can then be used to plan any needed instructional adjustments prior to end-of-year summative assessments.	Benchmark results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
<b>ACT Senior Retake</b>	September 22 <sup>nd</sup>  175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. This administration is for seniors only. ACT participation is a Tennessee graduation requirement.	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades.
<b>PSAT</b>  Optional Assessment for 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> grade students	October 14 <sup>th</sup>  2 hours and 45 minutes	The <b>PSAT</b> is a practice test for the SAT. It is offered every fall for 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> graders. It also is a qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship Program, which awards \$2,500 scholarships annually to <b>high</b> -scoring 11 <sup>th</sup> graders.	PSAT results are typically available in early December, approximately six weeks after a student takes the PSAT.
<b>Civics Test</b>  Grades 10-12	Each Quarter  Approximately 30 minutes	Participating and passing the state-mandated Civics Test and project is now a graduation requirement for all students. It is administered to all students in their US Government and Civics classes as well as any seniors who have not yet met the requirement.	Results are maintained in PowerSchool to document participation and passing for graduation and the exam counts as one test grade in the US Government and Civics class.
<b>TNReady End of Course Exams</b>  Grades 9-12 Grade 8 (Algebra I Students)	Fall: November 30 <sup>th</sup> - December 17 <sup>th</sup> Spring: April 12 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>  Time varies by course, between 75-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Summative Assessments are operational for all courses. Testing will be online, school schedules can vary within the testing window.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer. Scores are used as 25% of the semester final average.
<b>Semester Exams (Midterms) &amp; Finals</b>	Fall: December 17 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> Spring: May 18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>  45-90 minutes each	All district-mandated semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school's specific semester exam schedule	Scores for these assessments are available on Report Cards and visible through PowerSchool. Results are used as 25% of the fall semester final average for middle school and 25% of the fall semester grade for high school.

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<b>National Assessment of Educational Progress</b>  Selected 4 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> graders At selected schools	January – March  Approximately 90 minutes	The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) is the largest continuing and nationally representative assessment of what U.S. students know and can do in various subjects.	Students will not receive individual scores
<b>ACCESS for ELLs</b>  Grades K-12 (English Language Learners only)	February 16 <sup>th</sup> – March 26 <sup>th</sup>  Tests are untimed, but typically about 180 minutes total	The state-mandated ACCESS for ELLs assessment measures English language proficiency levels and is used as one criterion to determine when ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
<b>TCAP Alternate Assessments (MSAA &amp; TCAP-AIt)</b>  Grades 2-11 (special education students only)	March 15 <sup>th</sup> – April 30 <sup>th</sup>  Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs	These state-mandated alternate assessments are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.
<b>ACT</b>  Grade 11	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>  Accommodations: March 2 <sup>nd</sup> – March 12 <sup>th</sup>  Make-ups March 30 <sup>th</sup>	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. This administration is for seniors only. ACT participation is a Tennessee graduation requirement.	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades.
<b>TNReady Summative Assessments</b>  Grades 2-8	April 12 <sup>th</sup> – May 6 <sup>th</sup>  Time varies by subject/grade, between 50-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in all content areas. School schedules can vary within the testing window	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.
<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b> Grades 9-12 (course specific)	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> – May 14 <sup>th</sup>	The optional APs are final exams for the corresponding college-level course taken in high school. Scores can be used to award credit or determine placement upon entering college.	Scores and other information become available online through College Board starting in July. Results are not used for grades.

Visit these sites for more information:

TNReady: <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment.html>

NAEP: <https://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/>

Access for ELLs: <https://www.wida.us/Assessment/access20.aspx>

ACT: <https://www.act.org/>

PSAT: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>

AP: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/>

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