

As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of the state and district mandated assessments for the 2020-2021 school year

2020-2021 District Mandated Assessments

<https://hancockcountyschools.com/calendar>

Grade 2 Assessment

Purpose and Use – This test is given to help measure how much a second grade student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Dates of Administration – April 12– May 6, 2021

Grades Administered – 2nd Grade

Results to Parents and Students - Grade 2 assessment results from the 2020-2021 school year will be released to parents and students in summer 2021.

WIDA MODEL

Purpose and Use – WIDA MODEL is a multipurpose assessment created by WIDA. At the district level, this assessment is available to administer to EL students in order to gain a timely measure of language proficiency throughout the year. The assessment may be administered to a group of students as an interim benchmark, or it may be administered individually to an EL student to assist in determining the appropriate level of ESL service needed.

Date of Administration – Throughout the school year, as needed.

Grades Administered – K-12 EL Students

Results to Parents and Students – These results will be utilized by school personnel to inform individualized language development instruction. Results are calculated by the teacher immediately following the administration of the test and are shared with parents and classroom teachers.

Testing Time:

K: 30 minutes

Grades 1-5: up to 80 minutes

Grades 6-12: up to 95 minutes

District Benchmark Assessments

Purpose and Use – To assess student mastery of the state content standards so as to inform instruction and allow teachers and principals to to adjust and individualize instruction. These assessments do not count for grades.

Dates of Administration:

Benchmark 1 Middle/ High - August 10-21, 2020

Elementary - August 17-31

Benchmark 2 Middle/High - December 7-18, 2020

Elementary – December 1-18

Benchmark 3 Middle/High -May 3-14, 2021

Elementary – May 3-14

Grades Administered – 2-12

Results to Parents and Students – Results are for the use of school staff to improve, adjust, and individualize instruction. Results will be provided to students and will be available to parents upon request.

Testing Time: 30 to 45 minutes

2020-2021 State Mandated Assessment

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

RTI Universal Screening

Purpose and Use - These screenings are mandated by state policy and help support our “Response to Instruction and Intervention” (RTI) initiative. Students who demonstrate a need for intervention are required by state policy to participate in progress monitoring testing every two weeks.

Dates of Administration – Test window

August 10-31, 2020

December 1-18, 2020

May 3-14, 2021 Grades Administered - These assessments are administered three times per year to all students in grades 1-11 during times known as “Universal Screenings.”

Results to Parents and Students - These results will be utilized by school personnel to tailor the design of each child’s intervention. Students who are making expected progress are identified as Tier I. Those students who are identified through RTI as Tier II or Tier III are in need of intervention. Parents of students identified as Tier II or Tier III will be notified through written communication, conference, phone call, or email.

Testing Time: Varies by student. There is no set time for the universal screener.

TNReady English Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies Grades 3-8

Purpose and Use - The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of our state standards.

Date of Administration - April 12 - May 6, 2021

Grades Administered - 3rd-8th grades

Results to Parents and Students - Score reports will not be available until fall 2020.

End of Course Exams (EOCs) (Grades 9-12)

Purpose and Use - The TCAP tests are designed to assess true student understanding and not just basic memorization and test-taking skills. TCAP measures student understanding of our state standards. TCAP EOC assessments are given to help measure how much a student grows academically in a particular content area:

- English I/II
- Algebra I/Geometry/Algebra II
- U.S. History
- Biology

Date of Administration – Fall Block Nov. 30 – Dec. 17, 2020.

Spring Block April 12 - May 6, 2021

Grades Administered – Grades 9-12 for students taking EOC courses

Results to Parents and Students – Score reports for the 2020 -2021 school year for EOC will be distributed to parents Fall of 2021.

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

MSAA for Students with Disabilities

Purpose and Use - The Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA) is the English language arts and math assessment for students in grades 3–8 and grade 11 with the most significant cognitive disabilities. MSAA is administered online by the teacher. This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of a school year.

Date of Administration – March 15 - April 30, 2021 (Tentative)

Results to Parents – Parents will receive individual performance reports in the fall of 2021.

Testing Time: 90 minutes – 120 minutes

TCAP-ALT for Students with Disabilities

Purpose and Use - TCAP-Alt is the assessment for science and social studies for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities. Students are assessed in grades 3–8 for both science and social studies and in grade 10 for Biology. TCAP-Alt is administered via paper by the teacher.

Date of Administration – March 15-April 30, 2021 (Tentative)

Results to Parents – Parents will receive individual performance reports in the fall of 2021.

Testing Time: Based on individual student need

ACCESS for English Learners

Purpose and Use - English Learners will take the ACCESS for ELLs to determine language proficiency. ACCESS assesses students in the four language domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Date of Administration – February 16 - April 2, 2021

Grades Administered – K-12 EL Students

Results to Parents – District will receive results in early summer. Parents will receive individual student reports in fall of 2021 during the first week of school.

For more information,
see <https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx>.

Testing Time:

K: 45 minutes

Grades 1-12: up to 170 minutes

Alternate ACCESS: 80 minutes

ACT for Juniors

Purpose and Use - Students in Tennessee are required to take a college entrance exam (either the ACT or SAT) in the eleventh grade. This is now a graduation requirement for students seeking a regular or honors diploma. Districts in Tennessee contract with ACT to provide an opportunity to take the ACT at their own school during the school day at no cost to the student.

Date of Administration – March 2, 2021

Grades Administered - 11 graders

Results to Parents - ACT test results are provided to districts in the late spring. Students receive their results directly from ACT.

Testing Time: 2 hours and 55 minutes

ACT Senior Retake*

Purpose and Use – This is an opportunity for seniors who took the ACT as juniors to retake the ACT. If a senior missed taking the ACT for the first time in their junior year, they can take the test on the Senior Retake date.

Date of Administration – September 22, 2020

Grades Administered – 12th graders

Results to Parents – Students receive ACT test results directly from ACT.

Testing Time: 2 hours and 55 minutes

**This is the fall 2020 senior retake date. Due to spring 2020 school closures, this is the first time the majority of students will be taking the Act.*

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Purpose and Use - NAEP assessments are administered uniformly using the same sets of test booklets across the nation. NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, with only carefully documented changes. This permits NAEP to provide a clear picture of student academic progress over time. In even-numbered years, NAEP measures Tennessee student's academic achievement against students in other states also taking this test.

Date of Administration - Jan- March 2021

Grades Administered - Grades 4, 8, & 12 (NCES selects a sample of schools that reflect the varying demographics of each state). Within each selected school, students are chosen at random. Every student has the same chance of being chosen—regardless of race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, status as an English language learner, or any other factors.

Results to Parents - No results are provided to districts or parents.

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