

DISTRICT ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE 2026-2027

Student Achievement			
Assessment	Testing Dates / Time	Required by* / Purpose	Results
TCAP Summative Assessments Grades 3-12	Nov 30 - Dec 17 (online) - Grades 9-12 Term 1 Courses April 7 - April 14 TCAP Writing - Grades 3-5 (paper) - Grades 6-8 (online) April 19 - May 6 - Grades 3-8 (online) - Grades 9-12 Term 2 Courses (online) - Grades 9-12 Year-long Courses (online) Testing time varies by course (48- 230 minutes)	State – TCAP summative assessments provide district and school leaders, teachers, parents, and students specific information about student learning in order to improve the education of all students. Visit Tennessee Department of Education's Student Assessment website for more information.	Individual student reports will be available in the summer and distributed at the beginning of the school year. Results may be used up to 5% of the student's grade.
TCAP Alternate Assessment- Science & Social Studies Dynamic Learning Maps- ELA & Math Grades 3-11 <i>(Select Special Education Students)</i>	TCAP Alt: March 15 – April 16 - Grades 3-8, 10 paper DLM Fall: September 14- December 14 - Grades 3-8, 11 online DLM Spring: February 1 - May 14 - Grades 3-8, 11 online Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs.	State – TCAP-Alt will include the National Center and State Collaborate (NCSC) Assessment in Science and Social Studies, as well as the Dynamic Learning Maps assessment in ELA and Math. . TCAP-Alt is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards. This assessment is appropriate for students with a significant cognitive disability as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of the school year.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.
Grade 2 Achievement Assessment (Math and Reading) Grade 2	April 7 - 14 TCAP Writing - paper April 19 – May 6 Multiple Choice - online Testing Time: 265 minutes	District - The grade 2 assessment is designed to assess Tennessee State Standards providing teachers and parents information on how students are performing at the end of their 2 nd grade year on Tennessee specific standards.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.

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Grade 2 Alternate Achievement Assessment- ELA & Math Grade 2 (select students determined by IEP team)	March 15 – April 16 paper Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs.	District – The Grade 2 Alternate Assessment is an alternate assessment based on alternate achievement standards. This assessment is appropriate for students with a significant cognitive disability as determined by the Individual Education Plan (IEP) team. This test is given to help measure how much a student grows academically over the course of the school year. The assessment was designed so that test administration would mimic daily instruction, with teacher interaction, and can be delivered over multiple days in multiple sessions as needed for the individual student.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.
ELPA21 Grades K-12 (<i>English language learner students only</i>)	February 1 – March 19 Testing Time: Untimed – approximately 180 minutes	State – States are required to assess the proficiency of all English Learner (EL) students. According to Title III, states are to measure the annual growth of an EL student’s English development in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Visit ELPA21 , the EL Assessment site, which also contains information on the standards used for more information.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
Citizenship/Civics			
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Civics Assessment Grades 9-12: students enrolled in Government and Civics and/or JROTC	Assessment dates will vary by high school. Please contact your high school for specific dates. Testing Time: Untimed (about 40 minutes)	State – This assessment is designed to measure the civics knowledge and skills of students and to comply with Tennessee State law T.C.A 49-6-408A. Students are required to participate and answer 75% of the questions correctly prior to graduation.	Scores will be reported on Skyward and will not be used as a grade.

College and Career Readiness

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Advanced Placement (AP) Grades 9-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	2026 AP Exams will be administered during the first two full weeks of May 2027 with late testing occurring during the 3rd week of May Testing Times: Total times vary depending upon course.	District – The AP exams are final assessments for the corresponding college-level course taken in high school. Scores can be used to award credit or to determine placement upon entering college. Click here for College Board’s AP site.	Scores and other information become available to students online through the College Board starting in July. Results are not used for grades.

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ACT	Fall 12th Grade ONLY 1st Window: Sep 29-Oct 30 & Oct 1-2, & 5-9 2nd Window: October 13-16 & 19-23 3rd Window: Oct 27-30 & Nov 2-6 Spring 11th Grade 1st Window: March 9-12 & 15-19 2nd Window: March 23-26, 29-31 & April 1-2 3rd Window: April 6-9 & 12-16	State – ACT is an achievement test that assesses students’ academic readiness for college. Visit ACT.org for more information. The ACT assessment is a graduation requirement.	Scores and other information from this assessment are available 4 – 6 weeks after testing. Results are not used for grades.
Grades 11 & 12	Testing Time: 175 minutes		
PSAT / NMSQT	October 2026 Assessment dates will vary by high school. Please contact your high school for specific dates.	District – PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and provides a national benchmark for student achievement.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in December. Scores become available online through College Board soon after. Results are not used for grades.
Grades 9-11 (<i>only interested students</i>)	Testing Time: 165 minutes	Visit CollegeBoard PSAT for more information.	
CAT-ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)	Assessment dates will vary by high school. Please contact your high school for specific dates.	National - Used to determine if a student is qualified to enlist in the military and to assign the student an appropriate military job.	Scores can be used for potential military recruitment purposes. Scores are valid for two years from date of testing. ASVAB score of 31 is required by military branches to enlist. ASVAB score of 31 will support student progress towards College and Career Ready status.
Grades 9-12	Testing Time: approx 1.5 hours		
Career Aptitude Assessment	September 8-18	State - Tool used to help students understand how a variety of skills and aptitudes impact the student’s potential success and satisfaction with different career options and work environments.	Assessment results will help inform the student’s high school plan of study.
Grade 8	Testing Time: approx 1 hour		
Industry Credentials	FALL: ServSafe Food Handler & Manager OSHA 10 CPR Hairbraider HubSpot Social Media Marketing August 10-September 4 Auto ASE Beef QA Certified Clinical Medical Assistant	State - Industry credentials serve as a critical link between education and employment, especially when aligned with in-demand, high-skill, high-wage occupations. These credentials not only validate essential workplace competencies but also create pathways for learners to advance their careers. By ensuring that students acquire skills and competencies that employers truly value, industry credentials help bridge the gap between classroom learning and workforce readiness.	Scores and other information from Industry Credential exams will be provided to the schools for distribution after each exam is taken. Courses require a passing score on the IC exam to earn the credential and make progress towards College and Career Ready status.

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Grades 9-12 <i>(only students enrolled in courses offering IC)</i>	Certified Nursing Assistant Certified Patient Technician Certified Pharmacy Technication Certified Solid Works Associate CompTIA Tech+ Education Fundamentals FEMA IS-700B FEMA IS 800D Incident Command NC3 Snap-On PMI TN Forest Worker Certification - November 30- December 11 SPRING: ServSafe Food Handler & Manager OSHA 10 CPR Hairbraider HubSpot Social Media Marketing - January 1-12 Senior College & Career Readiness Industry Credentialing Exams - March 1-4 - SENIORS ONLY Auto ASE Beef QA Certified Clinical Medical Assistant Certified Nursing Assistant Certified Patient Technician Certified Pharmacy Technication Certified Solid Works Associate CompTIA Tech+ Education Fundamentals FEMA IS-700B FEMA IS 800D Incident Command NC3 Snap-On PMI TN Forest Worker Certification - May 3-14 Testing Time: Untimed	Visit Future Ready TN for more information.	
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National Assessments			
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NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) <i>(only selected students in grades 4 and 8)</i>	WCS is NOT a NAEP selected district for the 26/27 school year. Testing Time: 120 minutes	National – This test is a national assessment of what America’s students know and can do in various subject areas. NAEP results serve as a common metric for all states and selected urban districts. The assessment stays essentially the same from year to year, providing a clear picture of student academic progress over time. Learn more about NAEP from the National Center for Education Statistics. Visit NAEP for more information.	NAEP does not provide individual scores for the students or schools assessed. NAEP provides results about subject-matter achievement, instructional experiences, and school environment, and reports these results for populations of students and subgroups of those populations. These results are reported approximately six months after testing.
Screenings for Academic Support			
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ELPA21 Screener for EL Status <i>K-12 (as applicable)</i>	Continuous Testing Time: 70 minutes	State – When a newly enrolled student has responded with a language other than English on any part of the Home Language Survey, the student is screened for ESL services with the ELPA21 Screener. The screener is only given once in the educational career of the EL.	The scores on the screener determine: - if the student will be classified as EL - the minimum amount of service the EL will receive Results are not used for grades.
RTI Universal Screener Grades K-12	August 17 - September 4 November 30 - December 18 April 12 - May 7 Testing Time: 60+ minutes	State – The purpose of a universal screener is to determine performance to the grade-level skills and is the initial assessment to identify students who are potentially in need of additional levels of support in reading and math.	Screening results are sent to parents after the Universal Screener has been completed. Results are not used for grades.
Progress Monitoring Assessments <i>K-12 (as applicable)</i>	Continuous Testing Time: 1-30 minutes depending upon subtest taken.	State – Progress monitoring tools provide nationally normed skills-based assessments utilized for students who score below the 26 th percentile on the Universal Screener.	Parents will receive notification if the results of the universal screening process indicate their child meets the requirements for additional academic support and intervention(s). Results are not used for grades.

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Benchmark Assessment Grades 2-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12 Term 1 Courses Grades 9-12 Term 2 Courses Grades 9-12 Year-long Courses	October 14 – October 28 February 17 – March 3 September 21 – October 2 December 7 – December 18 February 22 – March 3 October 14- October 28 February 22 – March 3 September 21 – October 2 December 7 – December 18 February 22 – March 3 Testing Time: Total time varies depending upon course	District – Benchmark assessments are used to measure each student’s progress toward mastery of the curricular standards.	Results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents may request the information from the school as needed. The use of scores for grading purposes is a building-level decision.

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