

2024 - 2025 DCS DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

Assessment	Grades	Applicable Federal/State Law	Purpose	Test Window	Reporting
Student Achievement: Elementary and Middle Schools					
TNReady-TCAP (Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program) Achievement Test TCAP Achievement (ACH) Grades 3-5 (Paper-Based)	3-5	Paper- Based 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. Results also count for 10% of a student's final grade in those subjects.	December 2 – 19, 2024	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.
	6-8	Computer-Based		April 14 – May 2, 2025	
Student Achievement: High School Courses					
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. Computer-Based	These assessments measure a student's skills in high school English I, II, Integrated Math I, II, III, Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Biology, 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.	December 2 – 19, 2024 April 14 – May 6, 2025	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					
TCAP Alternate Assessments (AAD & TCAP-Alt) <i>(select special education students only)</i>	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. More information can be found on TDOE's Alternate Assessment website .	September 9 – December 20, 2024 February 3 – May 16, 2025	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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Citizenship/Civics					
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. Passage of the test is not a requirement for high school graduation.	Schools schedule as necessary	Results are available soon after the test is given. Results are maintained in Skyward to document participation for graduation and will print on transcripts.
College & Career Readiness					
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. Visit ACT website for more information. *Our LEA does not participate in any TDOE ACT test dates	ACT National Test dates ACT Arranged Test dates	Student-level reports are provided 3-8 weeks after the test is administered. Results are maintained in Skyward 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.	July 29 – Dec. 20, 2024 Jan. 6, 2024–May 23, 2025 May 28, 2025 – July 25, 2025	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.
English Learners Assessment	K-12	This test is given to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act §1177.	This assessment evaluates language proficiency of English Learner students. More information can be found on TDOE's EL Assessments website .	February 3 – March 28, 2025 <i>state test administration</i>	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.html>

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