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Assessment	Testing Dates and Times	Purpose	Results
Fall Universal Screening (STAR or aimswebPlus) Grades K-10	Aug 24 – Sept 11, 2020 About 40 minutes total time	The purpose of the state-mandated universal screening is to provide a data snapshot of a student's current performance in reading and math at three points during the school year and, in some cases, progress throughout the school year.	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.
Fall Written Expression Screening Grades 1-8	Aug 24 – Sept 11, 2020 About 10 minutes total time	The purpose of the state-mandated written expression screening is to identify students who may need support in the area of writing and, in some cases, monitoring progress throughout the school year.	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.
Dyslexia Screening Grades 2-8	Aug 24 – Sept 11, 2020 About 40 minutes total time	The purpose of the state-mandated dyslexia screening is to identify student who may have characteristics of dyslexia and, in some cases, monitoring progress throughout the school year.	Screening results are not distributed outside the school, but parents can request the information from the school. Results are not used for grades.
Civics Test Grades 11-12	Sept 1, 2020 – May 21, 2021 About 30 minutes total time	All students must pass the state-mandated Civics Test to earn a full diploma upon graduation. It is administered to all juniors in their US History classes as well as any seniors who have not yet met the requirement.	Results are maintained in Skyward to document participation and passing for graduation. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
ACT Senior Administration Grade 12	Sept 22, 2020 <i>state administration date</i> 175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. Because students were unable to participate in the required spring administration as juniors, this is a state-mandated administration for seniors this year only. ACT participation is a WCS graduation requirement. Visit TDOE's ACT website for more information.	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.

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1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 1-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Oct 1-16, 2020 Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	These district-mandated interim assessments are used throughout the year to measure each student's progress towards mastery of course standards. 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 access data through their child's student portal in the platform. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
PSAT / NMSQT PSAT 8/9 Grades 8-11	Oct 14, 2020 <i>PSAT 8/9 is scheduled by the school</i> 165 minutes total time (145 minutes for PSAT 8/9)	The optional PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for juniors and provides a national achievement benchmark for all students. The PSAT 8/9 is designed specifically for grades 8 and 9 and can be used as an alternative for middle school. Visit College Board's website for more information about PSAT, and the National Merit Scholarship Program's website for most about its scholarship opportunities.	Scores become available online through College Board in December. Students can request paper reports through the school. Results are not used for grades.
Optional Additional Universal Screening (STAR only) Grades 6-10 (<i>optional</i>)	Oct 26 – Nov 9, 2020 About 40 minutes total time	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment. The optional screening provides additional information for students and is administered at the school's discretion.	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
2nd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 1-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Dec 7, 2020 – Jan 15, 2021 UPDATED Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of this assessment.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
Fall Semester Exams (Midterms) Grades 7-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	Dec 15-18, 2020 Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	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 Family Access. Results are used as 15% of the fall semester final average.
Winter Universal Screening (STAR or aimswebPlus) Grades K-10	Jan 11-25, 2021 About 40 minutes total time	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.

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Winter Written Expression Screening Grades 1-8	Jan 11-25, 2021 About 10 minutes total time	See Fall Written Expression Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Fall Written Expression (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
Dyslexia Screening Grade K-1	Jan 11-25, 2021 About 40 minutes total time	See Dyslexia Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Dyslexia Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Grades 4 & 8 (<i>random sampling by school</i>)	Jan 25 – Mar 19, 2021 <i>state administration window</i> About 120 minutes	NAEP is a congressionally mandated test administered by the National Center for Education Statistics and measures what our nation’s students know and can do in various subjects such as civics, mathematics, reading, and U.S. history. The results of NAEP are released as The Nation’s Report Card. More information can be found on NCES website .	Scores and other information from this assessment are not reported by student, school, or district. Data is reported in aggregate by state on the Nation’s Report Card.
English Language Proficiency Assessment (WIDA / ACCESS for ELLs) Grades K-12 (<i>English language learner students only</i>)	Feb 2 – Mar 26, 2021 UPDATED <i>state administration window</i> Tests are untimed, but typically about 180 minutes total time	The state-mandated ELPA 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. More information can be found on TDOE’s EL Assessments website .	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
ACT Junior Administration Grade 11	Mar 2, 2021 <i>state test administration</i> 175 minutes total time	See ACT Senior Administration (in September) for a description of this assessment. While this is a state-mandated administration, ACT participation is a WCS graduation requirement. Visit TDOE’s ACT website for more information.	See ACT Senior Administration (in September) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
3rd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 1-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Mar 4-24, 2021 Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of this assessment.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.

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TCAP Alternate Assessments (MSAA & TCAP-Alt) Grades 3-11 (<i>select special education students only</i>)	Mar 15 – Apr 30, 2021 <i>state administration window</i> 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. More information can be found on TDOE's Alternate Assessment website .	Scores and other information from these assessments are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.
National World Language Exams (AAPPL) Grades 8-12 (<i>course-specific</i>)	Mar 24 – Apr 1, 2021 About 75 minutes total time	Students take the district-mandated AAPPL components that measure interpersonal listening/speaking or presentational writing modes of communication in each language. Formatting varies by exam. More information can be found on AAPPL's website .	Scores and other information from these assessments are available to teachers approximately 2 weeks after the exam (delivery dates vary by exam). Distribution of score reports to students and parents is a building-level decision. Scores are used as 50% of the second semester exam, which makes up 15% of the spring semester final average.
Spring Universal Screening (STAR or aimswebPlus) Grades K-8 Grade 9-10 (<i>select students</i>)	Apr 5 – May 3, 2021 About 40 minutes total time	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Fall Universal Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
TCAP Summative Assessments for High School (End-of-Course) Grades 7-11	Apr 13, 2021 (English I/II Writing) Apr 14, 2021 (English I/II Non-Writing) Apr 15, 2021 (US History) Apr 20, 2021 (Algebra I/II & Geometry) Apr 21, 2021 (Biology) <i>state administration window is Apr 12 – May 6</i> Time varies by course, between 75-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP EOC exams are operational for all courses. All tests will be a paper/pencil format. More information can be found on TDOE's TNReady website .	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer for English and math; Biology and US History in the fall. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.

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TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 6-8 (Achievement) Grades 6-8	Apr 13, 2021 (ELA Writing) Apr 14, 2021 (ELA Non-Writing) Apr 15, 2021 (Social Studies) Apr 20, 2021 (Math) Apr 21, 2021 (Science) <i>state administration window is Apr 12 – May 6</i> Time varies by subject/grade, between 95-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Achievement tests are operational for all content areas. All tests will be a paper/pencil format. More information can be found on TDOE's TNReady website .	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer for ELA and math; science and social studies in the fall. Scores are used as 10% of the final average.
TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 3-5 (Achievement) Grades 3-5	Apr 13, 2021 (ELA Writing) Apr 14, 2021 (ELA Non-Writing) Apr 20, 2021 (Math) Apr 21, 2021 (Science) <i>state administration window is Apr 12 – May 6</i> Time varies by subject/grade, between 50-222 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Achievement tests are operational for all content areas. All tests will be a paper/pencil format. More information can be found on TDOE's TNReady website .	Full reporting will be made available in the summer for ELA and math; science in the fall. Scores are not used for grades.
Advanced Placement (AP) Grades 9-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	May 3-14, 2021 Time varies by exam, typically between 180-240 minutes total time	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. Visit College Board's website for more information about AP, including specific scheduling by course.	Scores and other information become available online through College Board starting in July. Results are not used for grades.
Spring Semester Exams (Finals) Grades 7-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	May 14-19, 2021 (seniors only) May 18-21, 2021 (all other students) Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	See Fall Semester Exams (in December) for a description of this assessment.	Scores for these assessments are available on Family Access. Results are used as 15% of the spring semester final average for high school courses without a TCAP EOC exam. Results are used as 10% of the spring semester final average for middle school courses without a TCAP Achievement test.

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The state and district requirement for ACT testing is met through the Sept 22, 2020, and Mar 2, 2021, state administrations. Students may take advantage of other opportunities through ACT's national testing dates. The table below gives information about national test dates and registration deadlines. Also included is a list of which WCS schools are test sites for each national test date. This information is taken directly from ACT and is subject to change. Updates can be found on [ACT's website](#).

National Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Window	WCS School Test Sites (Center Code)	
September 12, 2020 September 13, 2020* September 19, 2020*	August 14, 2020	August 15-28, 2020	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150)	Franklin HS (163760)
October 10, 2020* October 17, 2020* October 24, 2020 October 25, 2020*	September 18, 2020	September 19 – October 2, 2020	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Fairview HS (215190) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810)
December 12, 2020 (<i>senior retake date</i>)	November 6, 2020	November 7-20, 2020	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810)
February 6, 2021	January 8, 2021	January 9-15, 2021	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Fairview HS (215190)	Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190)
April 17, 2021	March 12, 2021	March 13-26, 2021	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Ravenwood HS (214810)
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150)	Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Fairview HS (215190) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810)

*Additional dates added by ACT. Test sites listed are for the regular national date only. Check the [ACT's website](#) for test sites on these additional dates.