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Assessment	Testing Dates and Times	Purpose	Results
Fall Universal Screening (aimswebPlus or STAR) Grades K-8 Grades 9-12 (<i>select students</i>)	Aug 19 – Sept 13, 2024 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 19 – Sept 13, 2024 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 1-8	Aug 19 – Sept 13, 2024 About 15 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 3, 2024 – May 22, 2025 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.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM) Grades 3-11 (<i>select special education students only</i>)	Sept 9 – Dec 20, 2024 <i>state administration window for fall</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.
1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 2-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Sept 30 – Oct 18, 2024 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.

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PSAT / NMSQT PSAT 8/9 Grades 8-11	Oct 3, 2024 <i>district administration window</i> 134 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 21 – Nov 7, 2024 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.
ACT Senior Administration Grade 12	Oct 22, 2024 <i>state test administration</i> 175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. This is an optional administration for seniors only. ACT participation is a WCS graduation requirement. Visit TDOE's College Readiness Testing 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.
Winter Universal Screening (aimswebPlus or STAR) Grades K-8 Grades 9-10 (<i>select students</i>)	Dec 4-16, 2024, <i>for grades K-1</i> Jan 6-26, 2025, <i>for grades 2-10</i> 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.
Dyslexia Screening Grade K-1 Grades 2-8 (<i>select students</i>)	Dec 4-16, 2024, <i>for grades K-1</i> Jan 6-26, 2025, <i>for grades 2-8</i> About 15 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.
2nd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 2-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Dec 5, 2024 – Jan 10, 2025 Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of this assessment. The benchmarks in this window are for math, science, and social studies only.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.

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Fall Semester Exams (Midterms) Grades 7-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	Dec 16-19, 2024 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 for high school courses. Results are used as 10% of the spring semester final average for middle school courses.
Winter Written Expression Screening Grades 1-8	Jan 6-26, 2025 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.
Writing Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 2-12	Jan 6 – Feb 7, 2025 Time varies by grade level, typically between 30-85 minutes total time	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of this assessment. These benchmarks are specific to measuring the writing standards in ELA.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) Grades 4, 8, 12 (<i>select schools</i>)	Jan 27 – Mar 7, 2025 <i>state administration window</i> About 120 minutes total time	The federally mandated NAEP is a measure of academic progress across the nation and over time. It is a representative assessment of 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 . NAEP results are available for the nation; results are not reported for individual students, schools, or districts.
English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA21) Grades K-12 (<i>English language learner students only</i>)	Feb 3 – Mar 28, 2025 <i>state administration window</i> Time varies by exam, typically between 40-150 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 may be used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (DLM & TCAP-Alt) Grades 2-11 (<i>select special education students only</i>)	Feb 3 – May 16, 2025, <i>for DLM</i> Mar 10 – Apr 25, 2025, <i>for TCAP-Alt</i> <i>state administration windows for spring</i> Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs	See TCAP Alternate Assessments (in November) for a description of this assessment.	See TCAP Alternate Assessments (in November) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.

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3rd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Performance Matters) Grades 2-12 (<i>select core subjects</i>)	Mar 3-21, 2025 Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of this assessment.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in September) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
ACT Junior Administration Grade 11	Mar 18, 2025 <i>state test administration</i> 175 minutes total time	See ACT Senior Administration (in October) for a description of this assessment. While this is a state-mandated administration, ACT participation is also a WCS graduation requirement. Visit TDOE's College Readiness Testing website for more information.	See ACT Senior Administration (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
National World Language Exams (Avant STAMP) Grades 8-12 (<i>course-specific</i>)	Mar 24 – Apr 1, 2025 About 100 minutes total time	Students take the district-mandated Avant STAMP that measures real-world language proficiency and is aligned to the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines. More information can be found at https://avantassessment.com/stamp .	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.
Dyslexia Screening Grades K-8 (<i>select students</i>)	Apr 10 – May 6, 2025 About 15 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.
Spring Universal Screening (aimswebPlus or STAR) Grades K-8 Grades 9-10 (<i>select students</i>)	Apr 10 – May 6, 2025 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 Grades 2-5 (Achievement) Grades 2-5	Apr 14 – May 2, 2025 <i>state administration window</i> Time varies by subject/grade, between 50-200 minutes total time	For grade 2, the district-mandated Achievement tests are TCAP's end-of-year exams for ELA and math. These tests are state mandated for grades 3-5 and include science. All tests will be paper/pencil. More information can be found on TDOE's TCAP website .	Full reporting will be available in the summer through the state's TCAP Family Portal . Paper student reports will be distributed at the school level at the start of school. Scores are not used for grades.

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TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 6-8 (Achievement) Grades 6-8	Apr 14 – May 6, 2025 <i>state administration window</i> Time varies by subject/grade, between 75-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated Achievement tests are TCAP's end-of-year exams for ELA, math, science, and social studies. All tests will be online. More information can be found on TDOE's TCAP website .	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be available in the summer through the state's TCAP Family Portal . Paper student reports will be distributed at the school level at the start of school. Scores are used as 10% of the spring semester final average.
TCAP Summative Assessments for High School (End-of-Course) Grades 7-11	Apr 14 – May 6, 2025 <i>state administration window</i> Time varies by course, between 75-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated EOC exams are TCAP's end-of-year exams for Algebra I/II, Biology, English I/II, Geometry, and US History. All tests will be online. More information can be found on TDOE's TCAP website .	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be available in the summer through the state's TCAP Family Portal . Paper student reports will be distributed at the school level at the start of school. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.
Advanced Placement (AP) Grades 9-12 (<i>course specific</i>)	May 5-16, 2025 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 15-21, 2025, <i>for seniors only</i> May 19-22, 2025, <i>for all other students</i> 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 spring junior and fall senior retake 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 Deadline	WCS School Test Sites (Center Code)	
September 14, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 25, 2024	Brentwood HS (195920) Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)	Independence HS (219190) Summit HS (000420)
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024	October 7, 2024	Brentwood HS (195920) Fairview HS (215190) Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)	Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810) Summit HS (000420)
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024	November 22, 2024	Brentwood HS (195920) Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)	Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810) Summit HS (000420)
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025	January 20, 2025	Brentwood HS (195920) Fairview HS (215190) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Summit HS (000420)
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025	March 16, 2025	Brentwood HS (195920) Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)	Ravenwood HS (214810) Summit HS (000420)
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025	May 26, 2025	Brentwood HS (195920) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Summit HS (000420)
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025	June 20, 2025	Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)	Summit HS (000420)