

2024-2025 Assessment Rationale for MSCS

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE AND USE OF ASSESSMENT	RESULTS TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS
Brigance III	Three and four year old pre-kindergarten students are screened using developmentally appropriate tasks during the fall, winter, and spring.	Results are shared during parent conferences.
i-Ready	i-Ready is an online intervention tool that includes a diagnostic assessment. The diagnostic assessment is given to K-6 students in the fall, winter, and spring and grades 7-12 students in the spring. It provides information that helps tailor the intervention to a student's specific needs.	Results will be available immediately after the assessment is completed and will be shared with parents.
Characteristics of Dyslexia Screening	Per the TN Department of Education and in accordance with the "Say Dyslexia" Bill (Public Chapter 1058 of the Acts of 2016), schools are required to screen for dyslexia.	Results are available immediately after testing and are shared with parents of those students for whom a concern has been identified.
Written Expression	The TN Department of Education requires screening and intervention within the area of written expression.	Results of the screening are provided when the data team creates a plan for written expression.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (Grade 2 ALT for ELA and math, Grades 3-8 and 11 DLM for ELA and math, Grades 3-8 TCAP ALT for science and Grades 6-8 ALT for social studies, Grade 10 TCAP ALT for biology)	The TCAP Alternate (ALT) assessments are given to students with significant cognitive disabilities. These students do not take the traditional TCAP or EOC exams and need an alternate assessment to measure achievement. Second grade students will take ELA and math ALT assessments via paper. Grades 3-8 and 11th grade teachers will submit information for ELA and math assessments using an online platform. Grades 3-8 and grade 10 teachers will test students via paper and pencil for the science ALT assessments. Social studies ALT assessments will be given via paper in grades 6-8.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
ASVAB	The ASVAB assessment is offered in MSCS high schools, but the test is optional. No student is required to take the ASVAB. The test measures aptitude in a number of areas including math, reading comprehension, and science. The test results are used for career exploration. For students interested in a military career, the test can be used as a military entrance exam.	Schools will receive the scores 2-3 weeks after testing and will share with students.
PSAT NMSQT grade 11 (not required)	The PSAT is available for 11th grade students to take in the fall. The PSAT is a standardized test that provides practice for the SAT [®] . It also gives 11th grade students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. Pre-registration is required for this assessment.	Students should receive scores by December.
ACT (Grade 12)	The ACT is used to measure college readiness and HOPE scholarship eligibility. ACT will offer an opportunity for seniors to test at their school during a regular school day in the fall.	Reports are provided to the student by ACT approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment.
ACT (Grade 11)	The ACT is used to measure college readiness and HOPE scholarship eligibility. 11th grade students will take the ACT at their school during a regular school day in the spring.	Reports are provided to the student by ACT approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment.
PreACT	Students in grades 8, 9, and 10 will take PreACT tests. PreACT tests provide students with practice prior to the ACT test and also provide teachers with data to inform instruction.	PreACT scores will be available to students and teachers about a month after testing.
NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)	The NAEP assessment is a national, summative assessment that is given to determine academic success for students across the nation. NAEP monitors academic progress over time. Randomly selected schools and students in grades 4, 8, and 12 will participate in English language arts or math assessments.	NAEP results are reported at the national level. No individual student results are reported.
ELPA 21: English Learners Assessment	All English language learners in K-12 are assessed in reading, math, science, and social studies.	Printed reports are expected to be available in June and will be distributed to parents at the beginning of the next school year.
aimswEBPlus	Third grade students will be assessed with aimswEBPlus in the spring. AimswEBPlus is a reading assessment, and parents may be able to use aimswEBPlus scores to appeal students' promotional status.	aimswEBPlus results will be available to schools immediately after testing.

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TCAP Grade 2 Assessment	Second grade students will take the Grade 2 Assessment. This assessment is a criterion-referenced assessment that is used to measure achievement on TN state standards in both ELA and math.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
TCAP Grades 3-5	Students in grades 3-5 will take state-mandated assessments in English language arts, math, and science. These state-mandated assessments are used to measure student achievement and are a part of the Tennessee Department of Education's accountability system.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
TCAP Grades 6-8	Students in grades 6-8 will take state-mandated assessments in English language arts, math, science, and social studies online . These state-mandated assessments are used to measure student achievement and are a part of the Tennessee Department of Education's accountability system.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
TCAP End-of-Course	The following End-of-Course (EOC) assessments will be administered: English I, II, Algebra I, II, Geometry, U. S. History, and Biology. Schools using an integrated math approach will administer Integrated Math I, II, and III EOC assessments instead of algebra and geometry assessments. All End-of-Course assessments will be taken online. These state-mandated assessments are used to measure student achievement and are a part of the Tennessee Department of Education's accountability system.	Parents should be able to access scores by July in the TDOE Family Portal: https://familyreport.tnedu.gov/login
State-Wide Dual Credit Challenge Exams	All students enrolled in a statewide dual credit course take the online challenge exam, which is used to assess mastery of the postsecondary-level learning objectives. Students that meet or exceed the exam cut score receive college credit that can be applied to any Tennessee public postsecondary institution.	Exam scores are reported on the student's high school transcript.
AP (Advanced Placement) Exams	High school students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will take AP exams. These exams are required for all students that are enrolled in AP courses, and results from these assessments will be used to help determine eligibility for college credits.	Students and parents may view AP scores online starting in July of the year that exams were administered.