

# **HAMBLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT AND STATE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION**

*As required by Public Chapter 892, this is a listing of the state and district mandated assessments for the 2016-2017 school year.*

## **2016-2017 District Mandated Assessments**

### **RTI Universal Screening**

**Purpose and Use** - These screenings are mandated by state policy and help support our “Response to Instruction and Intervention”(RTI) initiative. Students who demonstrate a need for intervention are required by state policy to participate in progress monitoring testing every two weeks.

**Date of Administration** - September, January, and April

**Grades Administered** - These assessments are administered three times per year to all students in grades 1-11 during times known as “Universal Screenings.”

**Results to Parents and Students** -These results will be utilized by school personnel to tailor the design of each child’s intervention. Students who are making expected progress are identified as Tier I. Those students who are identified through RTI as Tier II or Tier III are in need of intervention. Parents of students identified as Tier II or Tier III will be notified through written communication, conference, phone call, or email.

### **AP EXAMS**

**Purpose and Use** - Advanced Placement (AP) is a program created by the College Board, which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities often grant placement and course credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

**Date of Administration** – May 1-12, 2017

**Grades Administered** – 9-12 in AP Courses only

**Results to Parents and Students** – Students will receive an email in early July telling them how and where to access their scores.

### **PSAT 8/9 & PSAT/NMSQT**

**Purpose and Use** – The PSAT 8/9 is a standardized test administered by the College Board that establishes a baseline measurement of a student’s college and career readiness as they get ready to enter high school. The PSAT/NMSQT is designed to measure the essential ingredients for college and career readiness in reading, writing and language, and math skills. It also provides insight into specific strengths and weaknesses.

**Date of Administration** – PSAT - October 11, 2016 PSAT/NMSQT – November 2, 2016

Grades Administered – PSAT – grade 8      PSAT/NMSQT – grade 10

Results to Parents and Students – Students will receive individual score reports within six to eight weeks of testing,

## **2016-2017 State Mandated Assessments**

[https://tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/tst\\_2016-2017\\_assessment\\_calendar.pdf?mc\\_cid=8ed452c139&mc\\_eid=1472498e1f](https://tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/tst_2016-2017_assessment_calendar.pdf?mc_cid=8ed452c139&mc_eid=1472498e1f)

### **TNReady Reading/Language, Math, Science, Social Studies Grades 3-8**

Purpose and Use - TCAP has been the state's testing program since 1988, and it includes TNReady, the state's assessments in math, English language arts, social studies, and science. As the state has transitioned to higher academic standards over the past several years, and will continue to do so, our tests have become better aligned to what educators are teaching. The assessments now include rigorous questions that measure students' writing, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.

Social Studies will be a field test this year. All 3-8 students will participate in the field test and it will be administered during the same testing window as the operational assessments.

See more at: <http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/tnready#sthash.OgfNXvDG.dpuf>

Date of Administration - April 17-May 1, 2017

Grades Administered - 3rd-8th grades

Results to Parents and Students - Score reports will not be available until fall 2017.

### **End of Course Exams (EOCs) (Grades 9-12)**

Purpose and Use - High school students will take state assessments for courses with End of Course exams (EOCs):

- English I/II/III
- Algebra I/Geometry/Algebra II
- U.S. History
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Date of Administration – Fall Block Nov. 28-Dec. 9, 2016 Spring Block April 17-May 1, 2017

Grades Administered – Grades 9-12 for students taking EOC courses and grade 8 for students taking Alg. I.

Results to Parents and Students – High school Quick Score reports will be available in early January for fall block and by the end of the school year for spring block and traditional schedules. Individual student reports will be available in early summer.

## **English Learner (EL) Assessment –WIDA ACCESS 2.0**

Purpose and Use - Under No Child Left Behind (NCLB), states are required to assess the proficiency of all English Learner (EL) students. According to Title III under NCLB, states are to measure the annual growth of an ELL student's English development in reading, writing, listening, and speaking. -

Date of Administration – March 6-April 21 Grades Administered – K-12 EL Students

Results to Parents – District will receive results in early summer. Parents will receive individual student reports in the fall during the first week of school.

For more information see <https://www.wida.us/membership/states/Tennessee.aspx>.

## **ACT for Juniors**

Purpose and Use - The ACT is a nationally recognized benchmark assessment for college and career readiness. All juniors are provided an opportunity to take the ACT at their home school on the state test date.

Date of Administration - March 21, 2017 Make-up date - April 19, 2017

Grades Administered - 11 graders

Results to Parents - ACT test results are provided to districts in the late spring. Students receive their results directly from ACT.

## **National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)**

Purpose and Use - NAEP produces The Nation's Report Card and is considered the gold standard for large-scale assessment. It is the largest nationally representative assessment of what U.S. students know and can do in key subjects, which allows Tennesseans to see how our students are performing compared to peers in other states.

See more at: <http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/naep#sthash.xPLWmzTk.dpuf>

Date of Administration - Jan. 30- March 10, 2017

Grades Administered - Grades 4 & 8 (NCES selects a sample of schools that reflect the varying demographics of each state. Within each selected school, students are chosen at random. Every student has the same chance of being chosen—regardless of race or ethnicity, socioeconomic status, disability, status as an English language learner, or any other factors.)

Results to Parents - No results are provided to districts or parents.

