



Knox County Schools Student Assessments List

2014-15 School Year			
Name of Assessment	Is it required? By who?	Who takes it?	Purpose
Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program (TCAP) Achievement Test	State Requirement	3rd-8th	Measure of knowledge and growth in each subject (English Language Arts, Math, and Science)
TCAP End of Course (EOC) Tests	State Requirement	8th-12th	Measure of knowledge and growth in each subject (Algebra 1, Algebra 2, English 9, English 10, English 11, Biology and Chemistry)
TCAP Writing Assessment	State Requirement	3rd-11th	Measure how much a student has grown their writing and critical thinking skills.
TCAP Social Studies Field Test	State Requirement	3rd-8th & 11th	Field test new test items
District End of Course Tests	Knox County Schools	8th-12th	Measure of knowledge and growth in select subjects
Middle School Honors Mid-Term	Knox County Schools	6th-8th	Measure of knowledge and growth in middle school honors subjects
STAR Renaissance - Universal Screener	State requires district to administer a nationally normed, skills-based universal screener. This is the chosen screener for KCS.	required K-5th; optional 6th-12th	A brief screening assessment of academic skills administered to ALL students to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve grade-level standards.
STAR Renaissance - Progress Monitoring/aimsweb	State Requirement for RTI ²	K-5th	Assess student's academic performance, quantify a student rate of improvement or responsiveness to instruction and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
ACT Suite – EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT	State Requirement	8th, 10th, 11th	Designed to gauge college readiness for individual students
ACCESS/WIDA for English Learners	Federal and State Requirement	K-12; Active ELL and ELL Waiver Students	Used to evaluate English proficiency and determine eligibility for ELL support services
Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER)	State Requirement - Coordinated School Health	4th, 7th, HS PE	Measure of cardiovascular endurance
CARE	School/Teacher Choice	K-2nd	Measure mastery of early literacy skills
AP Exams/IB Exams	Student Elective	9th-12th	Measure mastery of content and skills of the course
PSAT/SAT	Student Elective	10th, 11th	National Merit/Assess academic readiness for college
District Created Module Assessments	School/Teacher Choice	Social Studies; US History; English Language Arts; Math; Algebra I & II; Geometry	Measures mastery of standards; Given at the end of a module or unit of study
Teacher Created Common Assessments	School/Teacher Choice	K-12; various subjects	Formative assessment used to drive classroom/grade level instruction
NAEP	Federal and State Requirement	4, 8, 11 - small sample of students	Assessment of select subjects (changes annually)



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2015-16 School Year			
Name of Assessment	Is it required? By who?	Who takes it?	Purpose
TCAP End of Course (EOC) Tests	State Requirement	8th-12th	Measure of knowledge and growth in each subject (Biology and Chemistry)
TCAP Social Studies Test	State Requirement	3rd-8th & 11th	Measure of knowledge and growth in Social Studies and US History (computer-based)
TN Ready	State Requirement	3rd-12th	RLA/Math grades 3-8, English 9,10,11, Algebra 1, 2 and Geometry
District End of Course Tests	Knox County Schools	8th-12th	Measure of knowledge and growth in select subjects
Middle School Honors Mid-Term	Knox County Schools	6th-8th	Measure of knowledge and growth in middle school honors subjects
STAR Renaissance - Universal Screener	State requires district to administer a nationally normed, skills-based universal screener. This is the chosen screener for KCS.	required K-8th; optional 9th-12th	A brief screening assessment of academic skills administered to ALL students to determine whether students demonstrate the skills necessary to achieve grade-level standards.
STAR Renaissance - Progress Monitoring/aimsweb	State Requirement for RTI ²	K-8th	Assess student's academic performance, quantify a student rate of improvement or responsiveness to instruction and evaluate the effectiveness of instruction
ACT Suite – EXPLORE, PLAN and ACT	State Requirement	8th, 10th, 11th	Designed to gauge college readiness for individual students
ACCESS/WIDA for English Learners	Federal and State Requirement	K-12; Active ELL and ELL Waiver Students	Used to evaluate English proficiency and determine eligibility for ELL support services
Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER)	State Requirement - Coordinated School Health	4th, 7th, High School PE	Measure of cardiovascular endurance
CARE	School/Teacher Choice	K-2nd	Measure mastery of early literacy skills
AP Exams/IB Exams	Student Elective	9th-12th	Measure mastery of content and skills of the course
PSAT/SAT	Student Elective	10th, 11th	National Merit/Assess academic readiness for college
District Created Module Assessments	School/Teacher Choice	Social Studies; US History; English Language Arts; Math; Algebra I & II; Geometry	Measures mastery of standards; Given at the end of a module or unit of study
Teacher Created Common Assessments	School/Teacher Choice	K-12; various subjects	Formative assessment used to drive classroom/grade level instruction
NAEP	Federal and State Requirement	4, 8, 11 - small sample of students	Assessment of select subjects (changes annually)