

Tests are an important part of education. Assessing students throughout the year helps identify strengths and weaknesses in each student. Teachers and district leaders use this information to measure progress and make decisions about future instruction.

Through assessments, students benefit from targeted instruction based on personal data and district administrators can see how strategies and initiatives are working and make adjustments as needed.

The following is a list of State assessments Trousdale County administers each year.

EOC's:

High School End of Course examinations are given in English I, English II, English III, Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II, Integrated Math III, Algebra II, U.S. History, Biology I and Chemistry. The results of these examinations will be factored into the student's grade at a percentage determined by the State Board of Education in accordance with T.C.A. §49-1-302 (2).

The End of Course exam grade will count 25 percent of the second semester grade. These tests are given at the end of each course.

For more information go to: http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/high_school.shtml

ACT Test:

The ACT® college readiness assessment is a curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.

Students can take the ACT during their Junior year in Trousdale County at no cost to parents. This test is given locally each year in March or April.

This year, there will be an ACT retake for Seniors that took the ACT during their Junior year. This will be given in October.

For more information go to: <http://www.actstudent.org>

TCAP Assessment:

Each subject-area test is divided into multiple subparts and will be administered during one testing window at the end of the school year.

- English language arts (4 subparts) will assess the Tennessee Academic Standards through literary and informational texts requiring students to demonstrate the ability to read closely, analyze text, answer text-dependent questions, provide a written response to a prompt, and demonstrate command of the English language. Additionally, in grades 3 and 4, fluency, comprehension, and listening skills are measured.
- Mathematics (3 subparts) will consist of both calculator permitted and calculator prohibited subparts. It assesses the Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics, number sense, fluency, problem solving and an understanding of the grade-level horizontal coherence embedded within the standards. The mathematics test will focus approximately 70 percent of the assessment items on major work of the grade and approximately 30 percent of the items on supporting work.
- Science (1 subpart in grades 3-4; 2 subparts in grades 5-8) will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of scientific concepts in Life Science, Earth and Space Science and Physical Science.
- Social studies (1 subpart in grades 3-4; 2 subparts in grades 5-8) will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards for social studies requiring students to demonstrate historical awareness, geographical understanding and the ability to analyze primary source documents.

The TCAP test is given in the Spring of each year (April/May).

For more information go to: http://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/grades_3-8.shtml

2nd Grade Assessment:

The Second Grade Assessment is an optional test that districts can choose to use. The test measures student mastery of the Tennessee Academic Standards in Math and ELA thus providing teachers, leaders, and parents an opportunity to see how students are performing at the end of their second grade year.

This test is given in the Spring of each year (April/May).

For more information go to: <http://www.tn.gov/education/topic/grade-2-assessment>

Social Studies Assessment:

The social studies assessments in **grades 3 through 8** will assess the current Tennessee Academic Standards for social studies, which require students to demonstrate historical awareness, geographical understanding, and the ability to analyze primary source documents.

For high school students, the U.S. History/Geography assessment, which is the only End-of-Course exam in social studies, students will be assessed on the current Tennessee Academic Standards and required to demonstrate a deep understanding of civics, economics, geography within the context of U.S. History with special attention to Tennessee connections.

For more information go to: <http://www.tn.gov/education/article/tntready-social-studies>