

Trousdale County District Assessments

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 Schools will administer each year.

EOC's:

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

- English I and English II (4 subparts) 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.
- Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Integrated Math I, Integrated Math II and Integrated Math III (3 subparts) will consist of both calculator permitted and calculator prohibited subparts. Each assesses the Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep conceptual understanding of mathematics, fluency, problem solving, and an understanding of the grade-level horizontal coherence embedded within the standards. The mathematics test will focus approximately 60 percent of the assessment items on major work of the grade and approximately 40 percent of the items on supporting work.
- Biology will assess current Tennessee Academic Standards requiring students to demonstrate a deep understanding of scientific inquiry, engineering and technology as related to the scientific concepts in the course.
- U.S. History and Geography (3 subparts) will consist of a written response item requiring students to provide a response to a prompt with the use of several sources as well as multiple choice and multiple select items. Students will be assessed on the current Tennessee Academic Standards and be required to demonstrate a deep understanding of civics, economics, geography within the context of U.S. History with special attention to Tennessee connections.

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 testing times, visit the TN Department of Education's website, <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html> .

For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment.html>

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.

In October of each year, there will be an ACT retake for Seniors that took the ACT during their Junior year.

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

TNReady Assessment:

TNReady assesses student performance and understanding of State standards in each subject area in grades 3-8. Each subject-area test is divided into multiple subparts and will be administered over a span of three weeks in April and May.

- 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. Each subpart varies in time from 40 to 85 minutes depending on the grade level. For exact times, visit the TN Department of Education's website, <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html>.
- 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. Each subpart varies in time from 30 to 45 minutes depending on the grade level. For exact times, visit the TN Department of Education's website, <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html>.
- Science (1 subpart in grades 3-8) 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 (2 subparts in grades 6-8) 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.

For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment.html>

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. Each subpart is 40 to 42 minutes. For exact times, visit the TN Department of Education's website, <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/testing-times-by-grade-subject.html>.

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

For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/tnready/grade-2-assessment.html>

Alternate Assessment:

Alternate assessments are designed for students with significant cognitive disabilities (about one percent of the student population). The structures of alternate assessments are designed around the students' physical and cognitive disabilities in a way that allows them to answer test questions and participate in the test as independently as possible. For example, a variety of accommodations are built into the test design in order to accommodate each student's personal mode of communication (e.g., sign language, eye gaze, augmentative communication devices, etc.). Trousdale County will test grades 2-11 during the TNReady Alt window, March to May. For more information go to: <https://www.tn.gov/education/assessment/alternate-assessment.html>

WIDA Access for ELLs:

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is a secure large-scale English language proficiency assessment administered to Kindergarten through 12th grade students who have been identified as English language learners (ELLs). It is given annually in WIDA Consortium member states to monitor students' progress in acquiring academic English. ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is only available to Consortium member states.

ACCESS for ELLs 2.0 is aligned with the WIDA English Language Development Standards and assesses each of the four language domains of Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing. It takes approximately 1-3 hours to administer WIDA Access. This test is given in March and April each year. For more information go to: <https://www.wida.us/index.aspx>

Pre-ACT:

PreACT simulates the ACT testing experience within a shorter test window on all four ACT test subjects: English, math, reading and science.

Results predict future success on the ACT test, and provide both current achievement and projected future ACT test scores on the familiar 1-36 ACT score scale.

To help all students achieve success, accommodations offered include locally assigned accommodations and available Braille, large print, reader script and audio.

Trousdale County will give the Pre-ACT test to 9th and 10th graders in the winter of each year (December and February).

For more information go to: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/preact/preact-classroom.html>

District Benchmarks:

Trousdale County will assess all students, grades K-12, in each subject at the end of each 9-week grading period. Students will be assessed on the standards taught during the grading period. This will take place during a 90-minute class period over a one-week span. Assessments will be analyzed for mastery of standards and instruction will be determined based on results. Benchmarks will be taken on an online platform with paper/pencil option for early grades.

Senior ASVAB test:

The ASVAB is a timed multi-aptitude test given to students interested in joining the Military. Tennessee, in accordance with Early Postsecondary Opportunities as outlined in ESSA, offers ASVAB as an indicator for a Ready graduate. Trousdale County administers this test to all students in November of their Senior year. The State will determine a cut score that reflects state goals and is rigorous. If students meet or exceed the cut score, they will receive an EPSO. For more information on EPSO's go to: <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/education/early-postsecondary.html>

For more information on the ASVAB go to: <https://www.military.com/join-armed-forces/asvab>