

Assessment Calendar for 2016-17 School Year

Assessment Name	Administration	2016-17 Administration Window
Required Assessments		
TCAP End of Course	Fall Block	November 28–December 16
	Spring Block/ Spring Traditional	April 17–May 5
TCAP Grades 3–8 (The social studies field test will also be administered during this window.)	Spring	April 17–May 5
TCAP-Alt* Grades 3–11 (MSAA & Sci/SS)	Spring	March 6–May 12
ACT (Grade 11)	Spring	March 21 April 19 (make-up)
TCAP ELA Grades 3–8 Writing Field Test**	Spring	March–TBD
TCAP EOC U.S. History/Geography Written Response Field Test**	Spring	March–TBD
NAEP	Winter/Spring	January 30–March 10
Optional Assessments		
Grade 2***	Spring	April 24–May 5
Grade 2 Field Test (with 3 rd graders)	Fall	September 19–23
Grade 2-Alt Field Test (with 3 rd graders)	Fall	October 24–October 28
TCAP-Alt for social studies/science (Grades 3–8), Biology Field Test	Fall	October 17–November 4
ACT Senior Retake (Grade 12)****	Fall	October 22
PISA/TIMSS	Fall	TBD

* TCAP-Alt includes alternative assessments available to students with disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations. Approximately one percent of the student population will participate in alternative assessments.

** Approximately, one-half to one-third of schools and districts will be required to participate in these field tests on a rotating basis every two to three years.

*** Participation in Grade 2 operational assessment is a district option.

**** Participation is limited to seniors who took the ACT as a junior.