

# DISTRICT ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

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Assessment	Testing Dates and Times	Purpose	Results
<b>Universal Fall Screening (STAR)</b>  Grades 2-10 ( <i>required</i> ) Grades K-1 ( <i>schools may opt for October screening</i> )	Aug 21 – Sept 1, 2017  About 40 minutes total time	The purpose of the <b>state-mandated</b> universal screening is to provide a data snapshot of a student's current performance at three points during the school year and, in some cases, progress throughout the school year, in a variety of academic areas.	Screening results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. Results are not used for grades.
<b>ACT Senior Retake</b>  Grade 12	Oct 3, 2017 <i>state test administration</i>  175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. This is an <b>optional</b> administration for seniors only. ACT participation is a WCS graduation requirement. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the ACT site.	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades.
<b>1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Unify)</b>  Grades 1-12 ( <i>select core subjects</i> )	Oct 4-20, 2017  Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	These <b>district-mandated</b> interim assessments are used throughout the year to measure each student's progress towards mastery of curricular goals. Benchmark data can then be used to plan any needed instructional adjustments prior to end-of-year summative assessments.	Benchmark results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
<b>Optional Additional Universal Fall Screening (STAR)</b>  Grades 2-10 ( <i>optional</i> ) Grades K-1 ( <i>required if not screened in August</i> )	Oct 23 – Nov 3, 2017  About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment. The optional screening provides additional information for students and is administered at the school's discretion.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>PSAT / NMSQT PSAT 8/9</b>  Grades 8-11	Oct 25, 2017 <i>PSAT 8/9 window is Sept 25, 2017 – Jan 26, 2018</i>  165 minutes total time	The <b>optional</b> PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test for juniors and provides a national achievement benchmark for all students. The PSAT 8/9 is designed specifically for grades 8 and 9 and can be used as an alternative for middle school. Click <a href="#">here</a> for College Board's PSAT site, and <a href="#">here</a> for the National Merit Scholarship Program's site.	Scores become available online through College Board in January. Paper reports are delivered to the schools for distribution soon after. Results are not used for grades.

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<b>2nd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Unify)</b>  Grades 1-12 ( <i>select core subjects</i> )	Dec 11-21, 2017 Jan 5-11, 2018  Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of this assessment.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>Fall Semester Exams (Midterms)</b>  Grades 7-12 ( <i>course specific</i> )	Dec 18-21, 2017 <i>district semester exam window</i>  Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	All <b>district-mandated</b> semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school's specific semester exam schedule.	Scores for these assessments are available on Family Access. Results are used as 15% of the fall semester final average.
<b>Universal Winter Screening (STAR)</b>  Grades K-10	Jan 17 – Feb 9, 2018  About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>ACCESS for ELLs</b>  Grades K-12 ( <i>English language learner students only</i> )	Feb 20 – Apr 6, 2018 <i>state test administration</i>  Tests are untimed, but typically about 180 minutes total time	The <b>state-mandated</b> ACCESS for ELLs assessment measures English language proficiency levels and is used as one criterion to determine when ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information from the state's website.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
<b>3rd Quarter Benchmark Assessment (Unify)</b>  Grades 1-12 ( <i>select core subjects</i> )	Mar 12-23, 2018  Tests are untimed, but typically about 40 minutes per test	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of this assessment.	See 1st Quarter Benchmark Assessment (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>TCAP Alternate Assessments (MSAA &amp; TCAP-Alt)</b>  Grades 3-11 ( <i>select special education students only</i> )	Mar 19 – May 4, 2018  Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs	These <b>state-mandated</b> alternate assessments are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information from the state's website.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades.

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<b>Civics Test</b>  Grades 11-12	Mar 19 – May 18, 2018  About 30 minutes total time	Participating in the <b>state-mandated</b> Civics Test is a graduation requirement for all students. It is administered to all juniors in their US History classes as well as any seniors who have not yet met the requirement.	Results are maintained in Skyward to document participation for graduation. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
<b>ACT</b>  Grade 11	Mar 20, 2018 <i>state test administration</i>  175 minutes total time	See ACT Senior Retake (in October) for a description of this assessment. While this is a <b>state-mandated</b> administration, ACT participation is a WCS graduation requirement. Click <a href="#">here</a> for the ACT site.	See ACT Senior Retake (in October) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>National World Language Exams (AAPPL)</b>  Grades 8-12 ( <i>course-specific</i> )	Apr 2-11, 2018  About 75 minutes total time <b>Updated</b>	Students take the <b>district-mandated</b> AAPPL components that measure interpersonal listening/speaking and presentational writing modes of communication in each language. Formatting varies by exam. Click <a href="#">here</a> for AAPPL's site.	Scores and other information from these assessments are delivered to the schools (delivery dates vary by exam). Distribution to students and parents is a building-level decision. Scores are used as 50% of the second semester exam, which makes up 15% of the spring semester final average. <b>Updated</b>
<b>Universal Spring Screening (STAR)</b>  Grades K-9 Grade 10 ( <i>select students</i> )	Apr 23 – May 18, 2018  About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
<b>TCAP Summative Assessments for High School (TNReady End-of-Course)</b>  Grades 7-11	Apr 16-20, 2018 (English I/II/III & US History) Apr 23 – May 1, 2018 (Algebra I/II, Geometry, Biology & Chemistry) <b>Updated</b> <i>state administration window is Apr 16 – May 4, 2018</i>  Time varies by course, between 75-230 minutes total time	The <b>state-mandated</b> TCAP Summative Assessments are operational for all courses. Testing will be online, school schedules can vary within the testing window. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information from the state's website.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.

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<b>TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 5-8 (TNReady)</b>  Grades 5-8	Apr 16-20, 2018 (ELA & Social Studies) Apr 23 – May 1, 2018 (Math & Science) <b>Updated</b> <i>state administration window is Apr 16 – May 4, 2018</i>  Time varies by subject/grade, between 95-230 minutes total time	The <b>state-mandated</b> TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in all content areas. Testing will be online, and school schedules can vary within the testing window. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information from the state’s website.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.
<b>TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 3-4 (TNReady)</b>  Grades 3-4	Apr 16-18, 2018 (ELA) Apr 18, 2018 (Social Studies) Apr 23-24, 2018 (Math) Apr 25, 2018 (Science) <i>state administration window is Apr 16 – May 4, 2018</i>  Time varies by subject/grade, between 50-222 minutes total time	The <b>state-mandated</b> TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in all content areas. Testing will be paper/pencil. Click <a href="#">here</a> for more information from the state’s website.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the release of report cards. Full reporting will be made available in the summer. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.
<b>Advanced Placement (AP)</b>  Grades 9-12 ( <i>course specific</i> )	May 7-18, 2018  Time varies by exam, typically between 180-240 minutes total time	The <b>optional</b> APs are final exams for the corresponding college-level course taken in high school. Scores can be used to award credit or determine placement upon entering college. Click <a href="#">here</a> for College Board’s AP site, including specific scheduling by course.	Scores and other information become available online through College Board starting in July. Results are not used for grades.
<b>Common Comprehensive Exams &amp; Spring Semester Exams (Finals)</b>  Grades 7-12 ( <i>course specific</i> )	May 11-16, 2018 (seniors only) May 15-18, 2018 (all other students) <i>district semester exam schedule</i>  Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	These <b>district-mandated</b> semester exams are administered according to the school’s specific semester exam schedule. CCEs are developed by the district for all students in select courses. Courses without a required TCAP or CCE use teacher-constructed assessments for the final exam.	Scores for these assessments are available on Family Access. Results are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.

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The state and district requirement for ACT testing is met through the October 3, 2017, and March 20, 2018, state administrations. Students may take advantage of other opportunities through ACT's national testing dates. The table below gives information about national test dates and registration deadlines. Also included is a list of which WCS schools are test centers for each national test date. This information is taken directly from ACT and is subject to change. Updates can be found at ACT's [website](#).

National Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Window	WCS School Test Sites (Center Code)	
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150)	Franklin HS (163760)
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23- October 6, 2017	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810)
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190) Ravenwood HS (214810)
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Fairview HS (215190)	Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540) Independence HS (219190)
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540) Ravenwood HS (214810)
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018	Brentwood HS (195920) Centennial HS (201150)	Franklin HS (163760) Fred J Page HS (177540)
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018	Centennial HS (201150) Franklin HS (163760)	Fred J Page HS (177540)