

What grades and subjects will participate this year?

Grades 3-8

Math, English/Language Arts, Science

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High School End of Course (EOC) Exams:

English I, II, III

Algebra I, II and Geometry

US History

Chemistry

Biology

When will the assessment be given?

State assessments will be administered during a three-week window between April 17 and May 5.

For high school fall block, the assessment window will be from November 28 through December 16.

The assessments for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities will take place over a two month window in the spring.

The Part I and Part II structure from SY 2015-2016 has been eliminated.



How will the assessments be structured?

Grades 3-5 Reduction in Time

English Language Arts = 95 minutes

Math = 20 minutes

Science = no change

Social Studies Field Test = 95 minutes

= 210 minutes

Online or Paper/Pencil?

The online administration will be phased in over multiple years to ensure state technology readiness.

The assessment for grades 3-8 will be administered via paper and pencil this year.

The TDOE is working closely with Questar to provide an online option for high school EOCs for math, English, and US History. Districts will have the option of paper/pencil or online.

Biology and chemistry EOCs will be administered via paper/pencil.

When will we receive scores?

High school quick scores for fall block will be received by schools in early January. Individual student reports will be mailed in early summer.

Score reports for grades 3-8 will not be available until fall of 2017. In future years, grade 3-8 score reports will be released over the summer.

What about student accommodations?

The full range of accommodations will be available to make the test accessible for all students to participate.

IEP teams will be provided guidance on how to select the appropriate accommodations for students. The accommodation options will be similar to last year's options.

Do EL students take the assessments?

EL students are required to participate in any state or federal mandated assessments, including achievement assessments.

The only exception is for a student who is in her or his first year in a U.S. school. First year EL students may be exempt from English/Language Arts, social studies, and U.S. History assessments. However, the first-year EL student must take the math assessment.

Testing accommodations may apply to EL students.

When can teachers and parents see an example of the new assessments?

The new assessments have not been developed. For the first time, teachers will be involved in writing test items.

As in the past, teachers will also be involved in the item review, bias and sensitivity review, accessibility review, and rangefinding.

Future Communication

As in the past, once more information is received, the district office will put together a more detailed presentation for individual school leaders to use with parents, students, and other stakeholders.

As in the past, a one-page detailed information sheet will be designed by the district office and sent to individual principals for their use with parents.

Both of these documents will also be placed on the district's website.

Things to Keep in Mind

This is a state assessment, not a district assessment.

We have published every piece of information we have been given regarding the state assessment.

We will continue to update principals, teachers, and our stakeholders as we receive information.

As in everything we do, we want Sumner County students to have an advantage over students of other districts. Therefore, we will continue to do all that we know to prepare our students and teachers for success.