

States' Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessments

As part of the Achieve 2014 50-state survey, Achieve asked states which ELA/literacy and math assessments they will administer to all students in grades 3-8 in 2014–15, whether those same assessments will be used to evaluate schools and districts and whether and when these assessment data will be included as part of a teacher’s evaluation. Additional information can be found on www.achieve.org/ClosingtheExpectationsGap2014. A few considerations to keep in mind when reviewing the table:

- Unless otherwise noted, the ELA and math assessments are administered annually in grades 3-8.
- Regarding **teacher evaluation**, this table reflects the first year that student assessment data will be incorporated into teacher evaluations, not necessarily the school year that a teacher will receive an evaluation. Some states will use 2014–15 data as a baseline year to measure student growth. Other states will use 2014–15 assessment results as the first of multiple years of data that will be rolled into a teacher’s evaluation. The nuances and variations across states make it nearly impossible to compare policies without oversimplifying the information.

	2014-15 Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Assessment Names	Included in School Ratings/Accountability Formula	Assessment Data Included in Teacher Evaluation and year included	Additional Notes
AL	ACT Aspire	YES	TBD	
AK	Alaska Measures of Progress	NO	YES, 2014-15	
AZ	Arizona’s Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT)	TBD	YES, 2014-15	<p>School Ratings: The Arizona State Board of Education has not yet made a final determination regarding how the new assessments will be included in school accountability formulas in 2014-15.</p> <p>Teacher Evaluation: AzMERIT assessment data will not be available until the 2015-2016 school year. Districts may use their own assessment data instead of the state assessment results for SY 2014-2015.</p>
AR	PARCC	YES	YES, 2015-16	
CA	Smarter Balanced	YES	NO	
CO	PARCC as part of Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)	DISTRICT OPTION	DISTRICT OPTION	The 2014-15 accountability ratings will not automatically include the new assessments. Districts may choose to use the results in a body of evidence to request a different rating than the one initially assigned.
CT	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2015-16	
DE	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2015-16	
DC	PARCC	YES	YES, 2015-16	
FL	Florida Standards Assessments (FSA)			

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GA	Georgia Milestones Assessment System	YES	YES, TBD	
HI	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2013-14	
ID	Smarter Balanced	NO	YES, 2015-16	
IL	PARCC	YES	DISTRICT OPTION	
IN	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) aligned to the new Indiana Academic Standards	YES	YES, 2014-15	
IA	Iowa Assessments	YES	NO	
KS	Kansas Assessment Program	YES	YES, 2017-18	
KY	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) tests	YES	YES, 2015-16	
LA	PARCC	YES	YES, 2014-15	
ME	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2015-16	
MD	PARCC	YES	YES, 2016-17	
MA	PARCC or Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS)	YES	YES, 2015-16	<p>Districts decided whether to administer PARCC or MCAS in 2014-15. The three largest districts in the state were allowed to choose between MCAS and PARCC at the school level.</p> <p>School Ratings: Schools administering PARCC will have their 2015 accountability and assistance levels held harmless, meaning the level will stay the same or improve from 2014, but cannot decline. Schools administering MCAS will be classified into a level as usual and will not be held harmless.</p>
MI	Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	YES	YES, TBD	
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	YES	YES, 2014-15	
MS	PARCC as part of Mississippi Curriculum Tests (MCT3)	YES	YES, TBD	Teacher Evaluation: Results from 2015-16 administration will be used for teacher evaluation pending approval.

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MO	Assessments developed by Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2015-16	
MT	Smarter Balanced	YES	NO	
NE	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA)	YES	NO	
NV	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2016-17	
NH	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, see note	Teacher Evaluation: LEAs must implement teacher evaluation systems by 2016-17. In 2016-17, Smarter Balanced ELA and math assessment results from 2014-15 and 2015-16 will be included. LEAs also have the option to include additional assessments and years of data.
NJ	PARCC	YES	YES, 2014-15	
NM	PARCC	YES	YES, 2014-15	
NY	New York State Common Core English Language Arts and Mathematics Tests	YES	YES, 2012-13	
NC	North Carolina READY End-of-Grade Reading Comprehension and Mathematics Tests	YES	YES, 2014-15	
ND	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2014-15	
OH	Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) for grade 3 (ELA only), PARCC (grades 4-8 ELA, 3-8 math)	YES	YES, 2014-15	Assessment Administration: In 2014-15, as part of a one-year transition plan for third grade due to data requirements for Third Grade Reading Guarantee, Ohio will administer the OAA ELA assessments in fall 2014 and spring 2015 in grade 3.
OK	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests in Reading/Language Arts and Math	YES	YES, 2014-15	
OR	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2014-15	Teacher Evaluation: Data from the 2014-15 administration will be included in SY 2015-16.
PA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) in English Language Arts and Mathematics	YES	YES, 2014-15	
RI	PARCC	YES	YES, 2016-17	

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SC	ACT Aspire	YES	YES, 2015-16	
SD	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2015-16	Teacher Evaluation: The 2014-15 assessments will serve as a baseline and will be used to set growth goals for the 2015-16 school year.
TN	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests (TCAP)	YES	YES, 2014-15	
TX	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) reading in grades 3-8	YES	YES, 2016-17	
	STAAR writing in grades 4 and 7			
	STAAR Mathematics in grades 3-8			
UT	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE)	YES	YES, 2015-16	
VT	Smarter Balanced	YES	NO	
VA	Standards of Learning (SOL) Reading (grades 3-8) and Writing (grades 5 and 8)	YES	DISTRICT OPTION	Middle school students taking high school level math courses will be administered the appropriate SOL test.
	SOL in Math (grades 3-8)			
WA	Smarter Balanced	YES	DISTRICT OPTION	
WV	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2014-15	
WI	Smarter Balanced	YES	YES, 2014-15	
WY	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS) in reading and math (Grades 3-8) and Student Assessment of Writing (SAWS) (Grades 3, 5, 7)	YES	NO	

Source: These data are based on the Achieve 2014 50-state survey of academic standards, graduation requirements, assessments and accountability systems. Updates to the table will be made on an ongoing basis as states' assessments and related policies evolve.