



**Grades 3-8 Science Assessments
Table 2016-2017**



2016–17 State Science Assessment(s) in Grades 3–8

Grades 3–8 Science Assessment Name(s) ¹		Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes
AL	ACT Aspire	5, 7
AK	Alaska Science Assessment	4, 8
AZ	Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science	4, 8
AR	ACT Aspire	3-8
CA	California Science Test	5, 8
CO	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) science assessment	5, 8
CT	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) for science	5, 8
DE	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Science	5, 8
DC	DC Next Generation Science Assessment	5, 8.
FL	Statewide Science Assessment	5, 8
GA	Georgia Milestones Assessment System	5, 8
HI	Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) in science	4, 8
ID	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) Science	5, 7
IL	Illinois State Science Assessment	5, 8
IN	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Science	4, 6
IA	Iowa Assessments	5, 8
KS	Kansas Assessment Program	5, 8
KY	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress Norm-Referenced Test (K-PREP NRT) for Science	3–8
LA	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) or integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (<i>i</i> LEAP) for Science	Field test of LEAP 2025 assessment in 2016–17, operational in 2017–18
ME	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) for science	5, 8
MD	Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)	5, 8
MA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for Science and Technology/Engineering	5, 8
MI	Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	4, 7
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	5, 8
MS	Mississippi Science Test (MST2)	5, 8
MO	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessment in Science	5, 8
MT	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) in Science	4, 8
NE	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA)	3–8
NV	Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRT) for Science	5, 8
NH	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	4, 8
NJ	New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) Science	4, 8

¹ States do not assess students in science on an annual basis. The science assessments listed in this table are the ones that the state administers to students in appropriate grades.



Grades 3–8 Science Assessment Name(s) ¹		Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes
NM	Standards Based Assessment (SBA) in science	4, 7
NY	New York State Elementary-Level Science Test and New York State Intermediate-Level Science Test	4, 8
NC	North Carolina READY End-of-Grade Tests of Science	5, 8
ND	North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) for science	4, 8
OH	Ohio State Test	5, 8
OK	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests in Science	5, 8
OR	Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) for Science	5, 8
PA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Science	4, 8
RI	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	4, 8
SC	South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
SD	South Dakota Science	5, 8
TN	TNReady	3–8
TX	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Science	5, 8
UT	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) Science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
VT	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	4, 8
VA	Standards of Learning (SOL) for science ²	5, 8
WA	Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)	5, 8
WV	General Summative Assessment (Science)	4, 6
WI	Wisconsin Forward Exam	4, 8
WY	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)	4, 8

Source: These data are based on the Achieve’s ongoing monitoring of states’ 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.

² Some middle schools offer Earth Science in the 8th grade and those students would be administered the End of Course Test.