

## States' Grades 3-8 Science Assessment(s) in 2014–15

As part of the Achieve 2014 50-state survey, Achieve asked states which science assessments they will administer to all students in grades 3-8 in 2014–15.

Grades 3-8 Science Assessment Name(s) <sup>1</sup>		Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes
<b>AL</b>	ACT Aspire	5, 7
<b>AK</b>	Standard Based Assessment (SBA)	
<b>AZ</b>	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science	
<b>AR</b>	Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) Augmented Benchmark Examination for Science	
<b>CA</b>	California Standards Test	3, 8
<b>CO</b>	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) science assessment	
<b>CT</b>	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) for science	
<b>DE</b>	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Science	
<b>DC</b>	DC Next Generation Science Assessment	
<b>FL</b>	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Science	
<b>GA</b>	Georgia Milestones Assessment System	
<b>HI</b>	Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) in science	
<b>ID</b>	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) Science	
<b>IL</b>	This is under negotiation with the US Department of Education	
<b>IN</b>	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Science	
<b>IA</b>	Iowa Assessments	5, 8
<b>KS</b>	Kansas Assessment Program	
<b>KY</b>	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress Norm-Referenced Test (K-PREP NRT) for Science	
<b>LA</b>	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) or integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (/LEAP) for Science	
<b>ME</b>	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA)	5, 8
<b>MD</b>	Maryland School Assessment (MSA) for science	5, 8
<b>MA</b>	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for Science and Technology/Engineering	
<b>MI</b>	Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	4, 7
<b>MN</b>	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	
<b>MS</b>	Mississippi Science Test (MST2)	5, 8
<b>MO</b>	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessment in Science	
<b>MT</b>	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) in Science	
<b>NE</b>	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA)	
<b>NV</b>	Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRT) for Science	

<sup>1</sup> States do not assess students in science yearly. The science assessments listed in this table are the ones that the state administers to students in appropriate grades.

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<b>NH</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	
<b>NJ</b>	New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) Science	
<b>NM</b>	Standards Based Assessment (SBA) in science	4, 7
<b>NY</b>	New York State Elementary-Level Science Test and New York State Intermediate-Level Science Test	4, 8
<b>NC</b>	North Carolina READY End-of-Grade Tests of Science	
<b>ND</b>	North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) for science	
<b>OH</b>	Ohio's Next Generation Assessments in science	
<b>OK</b>	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests in Science	
<b>OR</b>	Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) for Science	
<b>PA</b>	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Science	4, 8
<b>RI</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	
<b>SC</b>	South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>SD</b>	South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress – Science (DSTEP Science)	5, 8
<b>TN</b>	Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Test (TCAP)	
<b>TX</b>	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Science	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>UT</b>	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) Science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8
<b>VT</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	
<b>VA</b>	Standards of Learning (SOL) for science <sup>2</sup>	5, 8
<b>WA</b>	Measurements of Student Progress (MSP)	
<b>WV</b>	WESTEST 2 Science	4, 6
<b>WI</b>	Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) in Science	
<b>WY</b>	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

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.

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