



2015-16 State Summative High School English Language Arts/Literacy Assessments

Achieve collected from publicly available sources (e.g., state education agency websites) which English Language Arts/Literacy assessments states are/will administer statewide in high school in 2015–16. A few considerations to keep in mind when reviewing the table:

- As states phase in new assessments, some are introducing the assessments by cohort, e.g., the class of 2016 (the more common approach for comprehensive assessments), and others are introducing the assessments by school year, e.g., students who take an Algebra I course in 2015–16 take the Algebra I assessment, regardless of what year they will graduate (the more common approach for end-of-course assessments).
- Regarding **which students take the assessment**, in states that administer end-of-course (EOC) assessments, the expectation is that a student will take the EOC assessment when the student completes the course. In other words, students take the appropriate EOCs for the ELA and mathematics courses in which the student is enrolled. In states where assessments are classified as “only students who elect to take the course,” the course itself is not a graduation requirement, but the state administers a statewide assessment for students who elect to enroll in the course.
- Regarding **student stakes**, states have different policies for how much such tests matter for students or whether there are stakes attached. Most commonly, students are either required to achieve a passing score on an assessment or suite of assessments to graduate or the assessment results are factored into a student’s course grade. Almost all states that require students to achieve a passing score to graduate offer students alternate routes to meeting the requirement if they are unable to meet the passing score on the assessments.

	2015–16 High School ELA and Assessments	Grade taken	Which students take the assessment	Student stakes (Factors into course grades OR students must pass assessment to graduate)	Change from 2014-15 to 2015-16	Additional Notes
AL	ACT QualityCore English 10 EOC	Grade 10	Local Option	No	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
	ACT QualityCore English 9 EOC	Grade 9	Local Option	No	Yes	
	ACT Aspire Early High School	Grade 10	All students	No	No	
AK	Alaska Measures of Progress (ELA)	Grades 9 and 10	All students	No	No	Assessment Administration: The law that made taking the SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys a requirement for receiving a high school diploma expired June 30, 2016. Source
	SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys	Grade 11	Students choose one of the three	No	No	
AZ	Arizona’s Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT) ELA EOC in English 9	EOC	All students	Local option	No	Student stakes: SB 1289 of 2015 states that a student’s score on an assessment may not be used as a factor in determining a student’s grade for school years 2014-15 and 2015-16. Student stakes: SB 1191 (2015) ended the AIMS high school graduation requirement. High school students graduating after Dec. 31, 2016 will no longer be required to pass the AIMS test as a graduation requirement.
	AzMERIT EOC in English 10	EOC	All students	No	No	
	AzMERIT EOC in English 11	EOC	All students	No	No	
AR	ACT Aspire Early High School	Grades 9 and 10	All students	No	Yes	Assessment administration: ACT and ACT Aspire replaced PARCC in 2015-16.
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	



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CA	California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CASPP) Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	Student stakes: CAHSEE, the state’s HS Exit Exam, was suspended through 2019 following the signing of SB 172 by Governor Brown. It has already been removed as a graduation requirement for the class of 2015 through SB 725.
CO	PSAT	Grade 10	All students	No	Yes	Assessment administration: Beginning in the 2015-16 school year, HB 1323 (2015) requires that Colorado administer a state assessment in ELA and a state assessment in math in grade nine only. For additional details, see HB 1323 . CO has delayed administering the SAT statewide; 11th graders will take the ACT in the 2015-16 school year, with the SAT to become the 11th grade assessment in 2016-17.
	PARCC English 9 EOC	Grade 9	All students	No	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
CT	SAT	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	Assessment administration: SAT replaces Smarter Balanced in grade 11.
DE	PSAT	Grades 9 and 10	All students	No	No	Assessment administration: SAT, administered to all students, became Delaware's assessment used for high school accountability following an executive order signed by Gov. Markell. It replaces Smarter Balanced as the 11th grade assessment.
	SAT	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	
DC	PARCC English I EOC	EOC	All students	No	Yes	Assessment administration: It will be a local option in 2015-16 to administer the PARCC English III assessment.
	PARCC English II EOC	EOC	All students	No	No	
	PARCC English III EOC	EOC	Local Option	No	No	
FL	Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) English 10	Grade 10	All students	Passing score required to graduate beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2013-14	No	Student stakes: Florida students must pass the English 10 FSA and Algebra I EOC to graduate. Beginning with students entering grade 9 in 2014-15, to qualify for a scholar diploma designation on a standard high school diploma, a student must earn a passing score on the Geometry and Algebra II EOCs (as well as Biology and U.S. History). Source
GA	Georgia Milestones Assessment System 9th Grade Literature and Composition	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	
	Georgia Milestones American Literature and Composition	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	
HI	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
	ELA (Expository Writing) EOC	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	
	ACT plus writing	Grade 11	All students	No	No	



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ID	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISATs) (Smarter Balanced ELA)	Grade 10	All students	Passing score required to graduate (see note)	No	Student stakes: Idaho is phasing in a passing score that will be required for students to graduate. The class of 2019 will be the first class required to pass the ISAT at a grade 9 level; the class of 2020 will be required to pass at a 10th grade level; and the class of 2021 will be required to pass at an 11th grade level.
	ACT/SAT/COMPASS	All students must take one assessment prior to graduation	All students must take one assessment prior to graduation	No	No	
IL	PARCC English I	Grade 9	District Option	No	No	Assessment administration: Districts have been given the flexibility to choose one of three possible assessment combinations: (1) ELA/Literacy 1 and Algebra 1/Integrated Math 1; (2) ELA/Literacy 2 and Geometry/Integrated Math 2; or (3) ELA/Literacy 3 and Algebra 2/Integrated Math 3. Illinois adopted the SAT to administer to all 11th grade students for the 2015-16 school year. However, there is not a statewide assessment budget that would pay for the SAT.
	PARCC English II	Grade 10	District Option	No	No	
	PARCC English III	Grade 11	District Option	No	No	
IN	New Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) aligned to Indiana State Standards ECA in English 10	Grade 10	All students	Passing score required to graduate beginning with Grade 10 students in 2016-17	Yes	Student stakes: In 2015-16, the ISTEP+ Grade 10 Assessment (E/LA and Math) becomes the state’s accountability exam. The ECAs (aligned to the IAS 2000 Algebra I, 2006 English 10 standards) will be available for retakes through the 2018-19 school year. Source . The 2015-16 school year is the last school year in which the Algebra I and English 10 ECAs will serve as Graduation Examinations.
IA	Iowa Assessments (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	Assessment administration: Iowa is planning to transition to Smarter Balanced in 2016-17.
KS	Kansas Assessment Program (KAP) ELA	Grade 10	All students	No	No	



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KY	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) ACT QualityCore English II EOC	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	<p>Student stakes: The Kentucky Board of Education has recommended the EOC test results be used as 20 percent of a student’s final grade in the course, as determined by local policy. Regulation requires each school district that includes EOC test results as less than 20 percent report to the percentage used to the Kentucky Department of Education and provide justification for the decision. Source</p> <p>Assessment administration: KYOTE and COMPASS are administered to select students in grade 12 who did not achieve the college ready benchmarks.</p>
	K-PREP (Writing)	Grade 10, 11	All students	No	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
	PLAN and EXPLORE		All students	No	No	
LA	English II EOC (RFP)	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	<p>Student stakes: EOCs comprise between 15 percent and 30 percent of the student’s final grade in the subject. To earn a standard high school diploma, students must earn a score of Fair or above on three EOCs, including one in each category — Algebra I or Geometry, English II or English III, and Biology or U.S. History. Source</p>
	English III EOC (RFP)	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
	ACT PLAN	Grade 10	All students	No	No	
ME	SAT	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	<p>Assessment Administration: SAT replaces Smarter Balanced for grade 11.</p>
MD	PARCC English I EOC	EOC	Local Option	No	Yes	<p>Student stakes: In April 2016, the SBOE voted to phase in new high stakes graduation requirements. Under the proposal, the class of 2017 would have to earn a passing score (level 3) to graduate. The minimum score required to graduate would increase every year, leveling off at a level 4 for the class of 2020. This proposal will be open for public comment prior to final approval. Source</p>
	PARCC English II EOC	Grade 10	All students	Passing score required to graduate beginning with class of 2017	No	
	PARCC English III EOC	EOC	Local Option	No	Yes	
MA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) - ELA	Grade 10	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	<p>Student stakes: All Massachusetts high school students through at least the class of 2019 must continue to pass the grade 10 high school MCAS tests in ELA and Mathematics to satisfy the state graduation requirement.</p> <p>Assessment administration: Districts will decide whether to administer PARCC in grades 9 and 11 in 2015-16.</p> <p>MA will create a “next-generation” MCAS to include both MCAS and PARCC items to be first administered in Spring 2017.</p>
	PARCC English I EOC	Grade 9	Local Option	No	No	
	PARCC English III EOC	Grade 11	Local Option	No	No	
MI	Michigan Merit Exam (MME) (SAT with Essay, ACT WorkKeys)	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	<p>Assessment administration: The Michigan Merit</p>



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						Examination (Grade 11) is comprised of the SAT with Essay, ACT WorkKeys, and summative assessments science and social studies. Source The MME (specifically SAT in ELA and math) replaces Smarter Balanced.
	PSAT (PreSAT)	Grades 9, 10	All students	No	Yes	
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) - ELA	Grade 11	All students	No	No	Assessment administration: GRAD retests will be offered in 2015–16 for students who want to satisfy graduation requirements using GRAD. GRAD will not be offered in 2016–17 and beyond.
MS	Mississippi Assessment Program (MAP) - English II	EOC	All students	Yes	Yes	Assessment administration: Mississippi Assessment Program replaces PARCC.
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	Student stakes: The SBOE approved a new policy that allows seniors in the 2015-2016 school year who have failed an end-of-course SATP test (predecessor to the MAP) to use the test score with their overall course grade to apply for graduation. Students will qualify for this option if their course grade and test score, when evaluated together, demonstrate adequate mastery of course content. Also in 2015-2016, all students enrolled may achieve a combined minimum score from the end-of-course Subject Area Tests to meet the requirement for graduation in lieu of passing the applicable end-of-course Subject Area Test. Starting in the 2016-2017 school year, SATP scores will constitute 25 percent of a student’s final grade in the applicable course. Source
MO	English I EOC	EOC	Local Option	No	No	
	English II EOC	EOC	All students	No	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
MT	ACT with Writing	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	Assessment administration: Grade 11 Smarter Balanced tests are optional for schools who wish to administer them in addition to the ACT with Writing which is the required grade 11 assessment. Source
	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	Local Option	No	Yes	



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NE	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA) Reading and Writing	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
NV	High School Proficiency Exam in Reading and Writing (HSPE)	See note	Through class of 2016	Passing score required to graduate through class of 2016	No	<p>Student stakes: The Class of 2016 will be the last students required to pass the Nevada HSPE. Four End of Course Examinations are taking the place of the Nevada HSPE.</p> <p>For the class of 2017, students taking ELA I or ELA II will take the ELA I or ELA II EOC as appropriate for course content.</p> <p>The classes of 2017 and 2018 (9th and 10th graders) will need to take the EOCs and no passing scores are required. The Class of 2019 (8th graders this year) and later will be the first class of students required to receive a passing score on the EOCs, which will be set by the SBOE. Source</p>
	ELA I EOC (focus on reading comprehension)	EOC	All students	See note	No	
	ELA II EOC (focus on writing)	EOC	All students	See note	No	
	PSAT		All students	No	No	
	ACT plus Writing	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
NH	SAT	Grade 11	All students	No	Yes	<p>Assessment administration: SAT replaces Smarter Balanced for grade 11. NH also gained approval for their PACE pilot assessment program.</p>
NJ	PARCC English 9 EOC	EOC	All students	See note	No	<p>Student stakes: For the classes of 2016, 2017 and 2018, students will be able to satisfy the state requirements of demonstrating proficiency in ELA in several ways. For ELA, students may achieve a passing score on a PARCC ELA assessment in grades 9, 10 or 11 <i>or</i> achieve a passing score on a Substitute Competency Test <i>or</i> meet the criteria of the NJDOE Portfolio Appeal. Additional guidance can be found here.</p>
	PARCC English 10 EOC	EOC	All students	See note	No	
	PARCC English 11 EOC	EOC	See note	See note	No	
NM	PARCC English I EOC	EOC	All students	See note	No	<p>Student stakes: For the Class of 2016, students must still earn a passing score on an assessment to graduate, but have multiple assessments available to them in each subject. For reading, pass the SBA Reading or PARCC ELA Grade 11. For writing, pass PARCC ELA Grade 11. Students must also pass the Science SBA.</p>
	PARCC English II EOC	EOC	All students	See note	No	
	PARCC English III EOC	EOC	All students	See note	No	
	Standards Based Assessment/High School Graduation Assessment (SBA/HSGA) in ELA	See note	Available for grade 12 retest in 2015-16	See note	No	
NY	Regents English Language Arts Exam (Common Core)	EOC	See note	Passing score required to graduate	No	



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Regents Comprehensive English Exam	EOC	See note	Passing score required to graduate	No	Assessment administration: For students who entered grade 9 in 2011 or thereafter, all students must take and pass five Regents exams in ELA, math, social studies, and science. For ELA, all students first entering Grade 9 in the 2013-14 school year or thereafter must be provided with a high school English course of study aligned to the CCLS and pass the new Regents Exam in ELA (Common Core) to meet graduation requirements. All students who first entered Grade 9 prior to the 2013-14 school year may meet the requirements for graduation by enrolling in Common Core English courses and passing the new Regents Exam in ELA (Common Core) or enrolling in English courses aligned to the 2005 Learning Standards and passing the Regents Comprehensive Exam in English (2005 Learning Standards), while that exam is still being offered.	
NC North Carolina READY CCSS-aligned EOC in English II	EOC	All students	Score factored into course grade	No		
	ACT PLAN	Grade 10	All students	No		
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No		
ND North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No		
	ACT/WorkKeys	Grade 11	All students must take one assessment prior to graduation	No		
OH Reading Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)	See note	11 th and 12 th grade retakes	Passing score required to graduate through class of 2017	No	Student stakes: Beginning with the Class of 2018, students in Ohio earn points toward graduation on seven end-of-course exams: English I and II, Algebra I/Integrated Math I, Geometry/Integrated Math II, physical science, American history and American government. With few exceptions, students must accumulate a minimum number of points from scores on their end of course exams to become eligible for a diploma. Source .	
	Writing OGT	See note	11 th and 12 th grade retakes	No		
	English Language Arts I	EOC	All students	See note		Yes
	English Language Arts II	EOC	All students	See note		Yes



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						Assessment administration: For the 2015-16 school year, 11th and 12th grade students can retake an OGT content area(s) as needed.
OK	English II End-of-Instruction (EOI)	EOC	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	Student stakes: In Oklahoma, students must pass four out of seven EOIs to graduate; Algebra I and English II are required, and a combination of 2 of the following: Algebra II, Biology I, English III, and US History.
	English III EOI	EOC	All students	See note	No	
OR	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	Passing score required to graduate (see note)	No	Student stakes: In Oregon, there are multiple ways students may demonstrate the Essential Skills graduation requirements; students are not required to pass the state test (Smarter Balanced) in order to graduate, though achieving a passing score on these statewide assessments is one way to fulfill the requirements. Source
PA	Keystone Exam in Literature	EOC	All students	No – see note	No	Student stakes: Gov. Wolf signed SB 880 (2016), which delays using the Keystone Exams in Literature, Algebra I and biology to graduate until the class of 2019. Previously, the stakes were to begin with class of 2017.
RI	PARCC English I EOC	EOC	All students	No	No	
	PARCC English II EOC	EOC	All students	No	No	
SC	TBD – See note				Yes	Assessment administration: The state did not make an award to a vendor for high school assessments. Reports indicate that the legislature could intervene in January to select an assessment, which could be SAT or ACT or a continuation of already-administered EOCs.
SD	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
TN	TN Ready English I EOC	EOC	All students	District option whether to factor score into course grade	Yes	Student stakes: S 285/HB 36 (2015) removes the requirement that grading policies of local boards of education must include student scores in a TCAP subject area as part of the student's grade in that subject area; permits a local board to have such policy if it so desires.
	TN Ready English II EOC	EOC	All students	District option whether to factor score into course grade	Yes	
	TN Ready English III EOC	EOC	All students	District option whether to factor score into course grade	Yes	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
TX	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) EOC in English I	EOC	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	Student stakes: Beginning with the class of 2015, students must pass the STAAR EOCs to graduate.



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	STAAR EOC in English II	EOC	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	Assessment Administration: Beginning in spring 2016, STAAR English III and Algebra II will be available for districts to administer as optional assessments.
	STAAR EOC in English III	EOC	DISTRICT OPTION	No	No	
UT	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) EOC in Writing 9	EOC	All students	No	No	
	SAGE EOC in Writing 10	EOC	All students	No	No	
	SAGE EOC in Writing 11	EOC	All students	No	No	
	SAGE EOC in Reading, Language and Listening 9	EOC	All students	No	No	
	SAGE EOC in Reading, Language and Listening 10	EOC	All students	No	No	
	SAGE EOC in Reading, Language and Listening 11	EOC	All students	No	No	
	ACT	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
VT	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
VA	Reading Standards of Learning (SOL)	EOC	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	Student stakes: To graduate with a Standard Diploma, students must earn at least six verified credits by passing end-of-course SOL tests or other assessments approved by the State Board of Education, which must include two verified credits in English and one verified credit in math. Students must pass one math SOL and one science SOL to fulfill their graduation requirements.
	Writing SOL	EOC	All students	Passing score required to graduate	No	
WA	Smarter Balanced (ELA)	Grade 11	All students	See note	No	Student Stakes: Beginning with the class of 2019, the state will use the Smarter Balanced exam in ELA and math for graduation (cut score to be determined by State Board of Education). Source
	Reading and Writing High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE)		Available for retakes, not for new administration	Passing score required to graduate for class of 2015 (one of two options along with Smarter Balanced for class of 2016)	No	
WV	West Virginia General Summative Assessment (includes the Smarter Balanced assessment in ELA)	Grade 11	All students	No	No	
	ACT PLAN	Grade 10	All students	No	No	
WI	ACT Aspire Early High School	Grades 9-10	All students	No	No	
	ACT plus Writing	Grade 11	All students	No	No	



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WY	ACT Aspire Early High School	Grades 9-10	All students	No	Yes	ACT Aspire is replacing Explore and Plan for the 2015-2016 test administration.
	ACT plus Writing	Grade 11	All students	No	No	

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.