



## States' High School Science Assessments in 2014–15

As part of the Achieve 2014 50-state survey, Achieve asked states which science assessments they will administer statewide in high school in 2014–15.

- 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 science courses in which the student is enrolled.

High School Science Assessment Name(s)		Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes
<b>AL</b>	ACT QualityCore Physics End-of-course (EOC)	Students are assessed in science on both ACT PLAN (Aspire in 2015) and the ACT. Only students who elect to take Physics or Chemistry will take the EOCs for those courses.
	ACT QualityCore Chemistry EOC	
	ACT PLAN	
	ACT	
<b>AK</b>	Alaska Science Assessment (SBA Science)	Grade 10
<b>AZ</b>	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science	Grade 10, but may be taken by grade 9 students who are enrolled in a life sciences course.
<b>AR</b>	Arkansas Comprehensive Testing, Assessment and Accountability Program (ACTAAP) Biology EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>CA</b>	California Standards Test (CST)	Grade 10
<b>CO</b>	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) for science	Grade 12
<b>CT</b>	Connecticut Academic Performance Test, Third Generation (CAPT)	Grade 10
<b>DE</b>	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) for science	Grade 10
<b>DC</b>	DC Next Generation Science Assessment	A Biology EOC.
<b>FL</b>	Biology I EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>GA</b>	Georgia Milestones Biology EOC	All students take the Biology EOC prior to graduating. Only students who elect to take the course will take the Physical Science EOC.
	Georgia Milestones Physical Science EOC	
<b>HI</b>	Biology I EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>ID</b>	Science EOCs (Biology or Chemistry)	One Science EOC, biology or chemistry, is required in one high school grade (10–12).
<b>IL</b>	Currently under negotiation with the US Department of Education	
<b>IN</b>	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) End of Course Assessments (ECAs) in Biology I	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>IA</b>	Iowa Assessments	Grade 11
<b>KS</b>	Kansas Assessment Program	Grade 11
<b>KY</b>	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) ACT QualityCore Biology EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>LA</b>	Biology EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.



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<b>ME</b>	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA)	Grade 11
<b>MD</b>	Maryland High School Assessments (HSA) in Biology	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>MA</b>	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) Technology/Engineering EOC	Students must pass one of the Science and Technology/Engineering assessment options to satisfy the graduation requirement.
	MCAS Biology EOC	
	MCAS Chemistry EOC	
	MCAS Introductory Physics EOC	
<b>MI</b>	Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) for Science	Grade 11
<b>MN</b>	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA-III): Science	End-of-Instruction in Life Science Standards
<b>MS</b>	Subject Area Testing Program, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition (SATP2) in Biology	Students participate in assessment when they complete the associated course. Biology is typically taken in 9 <sup>th</sup> grade.
<b>MO</b>	Biology EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>MT</b>	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) in Science	Grade 10
<b>NE</b>	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA)	Grade 11
<b>NV</b>	High School Science EOC	Grades 11-12
		Nevada's legacy High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) in science will be administered in 2014-15 only to students who have yet to pass the test; the HSPE continues to be a graduation requirement through the class of 2016.
<b>NH</b>	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) for Science	Grade 11
<b>NJ</b>	New Jersey Biology Competency Test (NJBCT)	Grade level varies.
<b>NM</b>	New Mexico Standards Based Assessment (SBA) in science	Grade 11
<b>NY</b>	New York State Regents Exam in Physical Setting/Chemistry	In science, students must pass one exam to graduate.
	New York State Regents Exam in Physical Setting/Earth Science	
	New York State Regents Exam in Living Environment	
	New York State Regents Competency Tests in Physical Setting/Physics	
<b>NC</b>	North Carolina READY EOC in Biology	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>ND</b>	North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) for science	Grade 11
<b>OH</b>	Physical Science EOC	Grade 9 and below
	Science Ohio Graduation Test (OGT)	Grade 10
<b>OK</b>	Biology I End-of-Instruction	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>OR</b>	Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) for	Grade 11



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	Science	
<b>PA</b>	Keystone Exam in Biology	Grade level varies/EOC
<b>RI</b>	New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	Grade 11
<b>SC</b>	End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP) in Biology	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>SD</b>	South Dakota State Test of Educational Progress – Science (DSTEP Science)	Grade 11
<b>TN</b>	Biology I EOC	All students must take a Biology course (and thus the Biology EOC) as a graduation requirement. Only students who elect to take a chemistry course will be assessed using the Chemistry EOC.
	Chemistry EOC	
<b>TX</b>	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) EOC in Biology	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>UT</b>	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) EOC in Biology	Students who elect to take a specific science course will be assessed using the corresponding science EOC.
	SAGE EOC in Earth Science	
	SAGE EOC Chemistry	
	SAGE EOC Physics	
<b>VT</b>	New England Comprehensive Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	Grade 11
<b>VA</b>	Earth Science Standards of Learning (SOL)	Students must pass one science SOL to fulfill their graduation requirement for a standard diploma.
	Biology SOL	
	Chemistry SOL	
<b>WA</b>	Biology EOC	Students take the assessment upon completion of the course.
<b>WV</b>	WESTEST 2 Science	Grade 11
<b>WI</b>	Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) in Science	Grade 10
<b>WY</b>	ACT	Grade 11

*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.*