

Jackson County District Assessment Calendar 2017-18

Assessment	Testing Dates and Times	Purpose	Results
Universal Fall Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	Beginning of school year— Sept. 2 About 40 minutes total time	The purpose of the state-mandated universal screening is to provide a data snapshot of a student's current performance at three points during the school year and, in some cases, progress throughout the school year, in a variety of academic areas	Screening results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. Results are not used for grades.
Optional Additional Universal Fall Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	Oct 17-28, 2016 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment. The optional screening provides additional information for students and is administered at the school's discretion.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
PSAT / NMSQT Grades 9-11	Oct 19, 2016 165 minutes total time	The optional PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and provides a national benchmark for student achievement. Click here for College Board's PSAT site.	Scores become available online through College Board in January. Paper reports are delivered to the schools for distribution soon after. Results are not used for grades.
Fall Semester Exams (Midterms) Grades 9-12 (course specific)	Dec 16-21, 2016 district semester exam window Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	All district-mandated semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school's specific semester exam schedule.	Scores for these assessments are available on Skyward. Results are used as 25% of high school courses.
Universal Winter Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	Jan 17-31, 2017 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.

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ACCESS for ELLs Grades K-12 (English learner students only)	March 6 – April 21, 2017 state test administration Tests are untimed, but typically about 180 minutes total time	The state-mandated ACCESS for ELLs assessment measures English language proficiency levels and is used as one criterion to determine when ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms. Click here for the state’s EL Assessment site, which also contains information on the standards used.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (MSAA & Alt-PA) Grades 3-11 (select special education students only)	March 6 – May 12, 2017 Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs	These state-mandated alternate assessments are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades
Citizenship Assessment (Skyward) Grades 9-12	March 16 – May 23, 2017 About 30 minutes total time	Participating in the state-mandated Citizenship Assessment is a graduation requirement for students in 2017. It is administered to all students until the requirement is met.	Results are maintained in Skyward to document participation for graduation. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
ACT Grade 11	April 19, 2017 state test administration 175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students’ academic readiness for college. While this is a state-mandated administration, participating on the ACT is a JCS graduation requirement. Click here for the ACT site	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades

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Universal Spring Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	April 24 – May 19, 2017 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
TCAP Summative Assessments for High School (TNReady & EOC) Grades 9-11	April 17, 2017 (US History Writing) April 18, 2017 (ELA Writing) April 25-26, 2017 (English I/II/III) April 27-28, 2017 (Algebra I/II & Geometry) May 2, 2017 (Biology & Chemistry) May 3, 2017 (US History) state administration window is April 15 – May 5, 2017 Time varies by course, between 75- 230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in all areas. Whether the format of these tests will be paper/pencil or online has not yet been determined. Click here for the state’s TCAP site.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the end of the semester. Full reporting will be made available in the summer of 2017. Scores are used as 25% of the spring semester final average.
TCAP Summative Assessments for Grades 3-8 (TNReady & Achievement) Grades 3-8	April 18, 2017 (ELA Writing) April 19-20, 2017 (ELA) April 27-28, 2017 (Math) May 2, 2017 (Science) May 3, 2017 (Social Studies) state administration window is April 15 – May 5, 2017 Time varies by subject/grade, between 50-230 minutes total time	The state-mandated TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in ELA, math, and science (social studies will be field tested this year). Testing will be paper/pencil in grades 3- 8. Click here for the state’s TCAP site.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the end of the semester. Full reporting will be made available in the fall of 2017. Scores are used as 15% of the spring semester final average.
Spring Semester Exams (Finals) Grades 9-12 (course specific)	May 16-19, 2017 (seniors only) May 18-23, 2017 (all other students) district semester exam schedule Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	All district-mandated semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school’s specific semester exam schedule.	Scores for these assessments are available on Skyward. Results are used as 25% of the grade in high school courses.

