



Academic Services

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This letter serves as an annual notification regarding assessments your child may take as part of their educational experience this school year. This list includes district or state assessments in which your student may be asked to participate; however, standard classroom assessments are not listed. Additionally, administration of these assessments may vary by student based on individual needs.

Student scores are typically available in ParentVue at the conclusion of the district testing window in Fall, Winter, and Spring. You will receive an email from Adam Wade notifying you when this data is available for viewing.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, building administrator, or me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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GRADE LEVELS TESTED AND TIMING

High School	GRADE LEVEL TESTED				TIMING		
	9	10	11	12	Fall	Winter	Spring
ELA, Math State Assessments		●					◆
Science, Social Studies State Assessments			●				◆
FASTtrack Reading	●	Δ	Δ	Δ	◆	Δ	Δ
Pre-ACT	●						◆
ACT			●				◆
ACT WorkKeys (optional)			●	●			◆
NMSQT PSAT (optional)		●	●		◆		
AP Exams (optional)	●	●	●	●			◆

Δ = possibly required (as scores indicate)

Descriptions follow on the next page.

Test(s)	Description
ELA & Math State Assessments	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. All sophomores participate in the ELA and math state assessments, which measure student mastery of state standards.
Science & Social Studies State Assessments	The Kansas State Assessments fall under the umbrella of the Kansas Assessment Program or KAP. All juniors participate in the science state assessment, which measures a student's mastery of state science standards. All juniors also participate in the social studies state assessment, though this is embedded in the U.S. History curriculum and looks/feels more like a project.
FASTtrack Reading	<p>All students are given the FASTtrack Reading assessment during the fall of their freshmen year. The information collected indicates whether a student is on track to meet future reading goals. Since this is our reading screener, if students score below a certain benchmark, they will be asked to participate in further testing.</p> <p>NOTE: Buildings may opt to use diagnostic/benchmark tests from StudySync (our new high school ELA resource) in place of FASTtrack Reading.</p>
Pre-ACT (Preliminary ACT)	All freshmen take the Pre-ACT, a test aligned with and designed to predict future performance on the ACT. Like the ACT, students are tested in English, Math, Reading, and Science.
ACT	Per the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), all Kansas juniors are given one free opportunity to participate in an ACT exam. The ACT tests students in English, Math, Reading, and Science. There are also ACT (and SAT) opportunities on Saturdays; Saturday participation is not free, and the extent of participation is up to the student/family.
ACT WorkKeys	(OPTIONAL) Per KSDE, all Kansas juniors/seniors are given one free opportunity to participate in an ACT WorkKeys exam. The test measures workplace readiness and is accepted by many employers throughout the United States as evidence of a student's ability to perform a particular job. The test has three sections – applied math, graphic literacy, workplace documents.
NMSQT PSAT (National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test – Preliminary SAT)	(OPTIONAL) Sophomores and juniors may choose to take this test. While this is a practice test for sophomores, juniors who score well can qualify for National Merit Scholarship awards.
AP Exams (Advanced Placement)	(OPTIONAL) These are subject specific exams, usually taken by students who are completing a particular AP course. Passing scores can earn college credit.