



## States' Grades 3-8 Science Assessment(s) in 2015–16

Grades 3-8 Science Assessment Name(s) <sup>1</sup>		Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes
AL	ACT Aspire	5, 7
AK	Standards-Based Assessment (SBA)	
AZ	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science	
AR	ACT Aspire	
CA	California Standards Test	3, 8
CO	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) science assessment	
CT	Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) for science	5, 8
DE	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Science	
DC	DC Next Generation Science Assessment	5, 8. State reports aligned to NGSS
FL	Statewide Science Assessment	5, 8
GA	Georgia Milestones Assessment System	
HI	Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) in science	
ID	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) Science	
IL	Illinois State Science Assessment	5, 8. State reports aligned to NGSS.
IN	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Science	4, 6
IA	Iowa Assessments	5, 8
KS	Kansas Assessment Program	
KY	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress Norm-Referenced Test (K-PREP NRT) for Science	
LA	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) or integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (iLEAP) for Science	Field test of LEAP 2025 assessment in 2016-17, operational in 2017-18
ME	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) for science	5, 8
MD	Maryland School Assessment (MSA) for science	5, 8
MA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for Science and Technology/Engineering	
MI	Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	4, 7
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	5, 8
MS	Mississippi Science Test (MST2)	5, 8
MO	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessment in Science	5, 8
MT	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) in Science	
NE	Nebraska State Accountability Tests (NeSA)	
NV	Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRT) for Science	
NH	New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP) Science	
NJ	New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK) 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>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	5, 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)	5, 8
<b>WV</b>	WESTEST 2 Science	
<b>WI</b>	Wisconsin Forward Exam	4, 8
<b>WY</b>	Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students (PAWS)	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

*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.*

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