



2017–18 State Science Assessment(s) in Grades 3–8

Achieve collected from publicly available sources (e.g., state education agency websites) which English language arts (ELA)/literacy and math assessments states administered statewide in grades 3–8 in 2017–18.

	Grades 3-8 Science Assessment Name(s) ⁱ	Grade Administered (if known) and Additional Notes)	Assessment included in accountability system ⁱⁱ
AL	Scantron	5, 7	No
AK	Alaska Science Assessment	4, 8	No
AZ	Arizona’s Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Science	4, 8	No
AR	ACT Aspire	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Yes
CA	California Science Test	5, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	No
CO	Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) Science assessment	5, 8	Yes
CT	Next Generation Science Standards Assessment	5, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	Yes
DE	Delaware Comprehensive Assessment System (DCAS) Science	5, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	Yes
DC	DC Next Generation Science Assessment	5, 8 Due to challenges with the assessment vendor, DC was not able to administer a science assessment in 2017-2018. Source	No
FL	Statewide Science Assessment	5, 8	Yes
GA	Georgia Milestones Assessment System	5, 8	Yes
HI	Hawaii State Assessment (HSA) in science	4, 8	No
ID	Idaho Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT) Science	5, 7	No
IL	Illinois Science Assessment (ISA)	5, 8	Yes
IN	Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress Plus (ISTEP+) Science	4, 6	No
IA	Iowa Assessments	5, 8	No
KS	Kansas Assessment Program	5, 8	No
KY	Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (K-PREP) for Science	4, 7	Yes
LA	Louisiana Educational Assessment Program (LEAP) 2025 Science	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	Yes
ME	Maine Educational Assessment (MEA) for science	5, 8	No
MD	Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)	5, 8	Yes
MA	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for Science	5, 8	Yes

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	and Technology/Engineering		
MI	Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP)	4, 7	No
MN	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)	5, 8	No
MS	Mississippi Academic Assessment Program, Science (MAAP-SCI)	5, 8	Yes
MO	Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Grade-Level Assessment in Science	5, 8	No
MT	Criterion-Referenced Test (CRT) in Science	4, 8	Yes
NE	Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System (NSCAS) - Science	5, 8	Yes
NV	Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRT) for Science	5, 8	Yes
NH	New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System (SAS) in Science	5, 8	No
NJ	New Jersey Student Learning Assessment – Science (NJSLA-S) (Field Test)	5, 8	No
NM	Standards Based Assessment (SBA) in science	4, 7	Yes
NY	New York State Elementary-Level Science Test and New York State Intermediate-Level Science Test	4, 8	Yes
NC	North Carolina READY End-of-Grade Tests of Science in grades 5 and 8 North Carolina Final Exams (NCFEs) in grades 4, 6, and 7 (not used for school and district accountability)	5, 8 4, 6, 7	Yes
ND	North Dakota State Assessment (NDSA) for science	4, 8	No
OH	Ohio State Test (OST)	5, 8	Yes
OK	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests in Science	5, 8	Yes
OR	Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) Science	5, 8	No
PA	Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) Science	4, 8	Yes
RI	Rhode Island Next Generation Science Assessment (NGSA)	4, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	Yes
SC	South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS) science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Yes
SD	South Dakota Science	5, 8	No
TN	TNReady	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Yes
TX	State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) Science	5, 8	Yes

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UT	Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence (SAGE) Science	4, 5, 6, 7, 8	Yes
VT	Vermont Science Assessment	4, 8 Administered as a field test in 2017-18.	Yes
VA	Standards of Learning (SOL) for science ⁱⁱⁱ	5, 8	No
WA	Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science	5, 8	No
WV	West Virginia General Summative Assessment (WVGSA) of Science	4, 6	No
WI	Wisconsin Forward Exam	4, 8	No
WY	Wyoming Test of Proficiency and Progress (WY-TOPP) science	4, 8	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.

ⁱ States do not assess students in science on an annual basis. The science assessments listed in this table are the ones that the state administers to students in appropriate grades.

ⁱⁱ For additional details on the measures states include in their accountability systems under ESSA, see <https://states.achieve.org/essa-tracker>.

ⁱⁱⁱ Some middle schools offer Earth Science in the 8th grade and those students would be administered the End of Course Test.

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