

2017-2018 Assessment Rationale for SCS

ASSESSMENT	PURPOSE and USE of ASSESSMENT	RESULTS TO PARENTS and STUDENTS
NWEA MAP Formative Assessment	The NWEA MAP assessment is an adaptive, norm-referenced, formative assessment that is given to elementary, middle, and high school students. This assessment measures students' levels of progress during the school year and across school years and provides data that can be used by teachers to inform instruction. This assessment is given 3 times per year in the fall, winter, and spring.	Reports are available for download one day following the submitted assessment. The reports include individual student reports that can be shared with parents.
ASVAB (not required)	The ASVAB assessment is offered in SCS high schools, but the test is optional. No student is required to take the ASVAB. The test measures aptitude in a number of areas including math, reading comprehension, and science. The test results are used for career exploration. For students interested in a military career, the test can be used as a military entrance exam.	Test results are available to students within 2 weeks of testing.
KEI (Kindergarten Entry Inventory)	The Kindergarten Entry Inventory (KEI) is given to provide a comprehensive, developmental profile with specific benchmarks related to kindergarten readiness for each incoming kindergarten student in TN. The information that is gathered will be used to consider how early learning experiences affect preparation for kindergarten and inform kindergarten teachers of each student's foundational skills in literacy and language development, math and cognition, social-emotional development, and physical development. This assessment will be given to all incoming kindergarten students for the 2017-18 school year.	TBD
easyCBM (RTI²) (Academics Department)	easyCBM is a diagnostic tool that is used to assess students that may need intervention based on NWEA MAP results. Students receive intervention and progress monitoring based on easyCBM math and reading results. This assessment is given 3 times per year.	Student results can be shared with parents after each assessment.
ACT	The ACT is used to measure college readiness and HOPE scholarship eligibility. 11th grade students in SCS will take this assessment on March 20, 2018 (or on the make-up day April 3 or April 24, 2018). <i>Additionally, high schools will have an option to take the ACT assessment online. ACT online dates are March 20-29.</i> ACT will offer an opportunity for seniors in fall 2017. Seniors can take the ACT at their school on <u>Oct. 3 or Oct. 17, 2017</u> .	Reports are provided to the student approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.
PSAT (not required)	The PSAT is available for 10th and 11th grade students (October 14 or October 25). The PSAT is a standardized test that provides practice for the SAT [®] . It also gives 11th grade students a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools. The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills, and writing skills. Pre-registration is required for this assessment.	Students may acquire their scores online. Student results are available 2 to 4 weeks after the administration of the assessment.
NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress)	The NAEP assessment is a national, summative assessment that is given to determine academic success for students across the nation. NAEP monitors academic progress over time. Randomly selected schools and students in grades 4, 8, and 12 participate in this assessment. Since this is not an odd number calendar year, fewer schools will be selected to participate in the spring of 2018.	NAEP results are reported for the nation and individual states. States are ranked by subject and grade, and the information is included on the Nation's Report Card.
NAEP TUDA (Trial Urban District Assessment)	Shelby County Schools is now apart of NAEP TUDA. The TUDA program is a subsection of NAEP that provides assessment results to participating districts. Shelby County is 1 of 27 participating districts that have been selected for NAEP TUDA. SCS's participation in TUDA will broaden NAEP's ability to report the educational progress of large urban school districts across the country. By becoming a TUDA district, Shelby County will sample and test more students than standard school districts during odd number calendar years. Since this is an even number calendar year for NAEP (testing begins in Jan. of 2018), fewer schools will be selected and tested.	NAEP TUDA results are reported for the nation, state, and district (when applicable).
WIDA ACCESS for ELs (ESL Department)	The WIDA ACCESS exam is an annual English language proficiency assessment for English Language Learners (ELL) in grades kindergarten through twelve. This assessment determines English language proficiency levels. Kindergarten students will be assessed via paper/pencil, and grades one through twelve will be assessed online and via paper/pencil depending on grade and subject. The ESL Department manages this assessment.	In early June, districts receive individual performance reports which detail ELL student progress in English language proficiency. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first 2 weeks of the new school year. Schools should share the individual score reports with students and parents.

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TCAP Alternate Assessments (Grade 2 ALT for ELA and math, Grades 3-8 and 11 MSAA for ELA and math, Grades 3-8 TCAP ALT for science and social studies, Grade 10 TCAP ALT for biology)	The TCAP Alternate (ALT) assessments are given to students with significant cognitive disabilities. These students do not take the traditional TCAP or EOC exams. 2nd grade students will take ELA and math ALT assessments via paper and pencil. Grades 3-8 and 11th grade teachers will submit information for ELA and math assessments using an online platform. Grades 3-8 and grade 10 teachers will test students via paper and pencil for the science and social studies ALT assessments.	Students' score reports will be available in the summer of 2018.
TCAP Grades 3-8	TCAP grades 3-8 assessments will be taken using the vendor Questar . All subjects (ELA, math, science, and social studies) will be assessed using this vendor. 3-8 students will test via paper/pencil for the 2017-18 school year. These state-mandated assessments are used to measure student achievement and are a part of the Tennessee Department of Education's accountability system.	Students' score reports will be available in the summer of 2018. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first 2 weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with students and parents.
TCAP End-of-Course	TCAP EOC assessments will be taken using the vendor Questar. The following End-of-Course assessments will be administered: English I, II, III; Algebra I, II and Geometry; Chemistry and Biology; and U.S. History. All End of Course assessments will be taken online for the 2017-18 school year via the Nextera platform. These state-mandated assessments are used to measure student achievement and are a part of the Tennessee Department of Education's accountability system.	Students' score reports will be available in the summer of 2018. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first 2 weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with students and parents.
TCAP Grade 2 Assessment	2nd grade students will take the Grade 2 Assessment. This assessment will be a criterion-referenced assessment (unlike the previously norm-referenced assessment) that will assess TN state standards in both ELA (comprehension, foundational literacy skills, language, writing, listening, and foundational literacy fluency) and math (computation with whole numbers, number relationships and patterns, measurement concepts, and data and geometry concepts).	Districts receive individual reports that detail student performance in the summer. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first 2 weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with students and parents.
AP (Advanced Placement) Exams	High school students who are enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will take AP exams. These exams are required for all students that are enrolled, and results from these assessments will be used to help determine eligibility for college credits. Students will take these assessments via paper/pencil beginning in early May.	Students and parents may view AP scores online at apscore.org starting in July of the year that exams were administered. The online score report will include student scores from the last four years.