

2018-2019 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 and middle school students. High schools may also choose to give the assessment. 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.
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 2018-19 school year.	An individual profile report is created and provided to teachers, and this information can be shared with parents.
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 April 2, 2019 (or on the make-up day April 24, 2019). ACT will offer an opportunity for seniors in fall 2018. Seniors can take the ACT at their school on Oct. 16 or Oct. 30, 2018 .	Reports are provided to the student approximately three to eight weeks after the administration of the assessment by ACT.
SAT (not required)	The SAT assesses college readiness and specifically measures reading, writing and language, and math. Schools that opt to give the SAT will administer the test on April 9, 2019.	Students should have access to scores May 2.
PSAT (not required)	The PSAT is available for 10th and 11th grade students (October 13 or October 24). 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.	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. Release of results is TBD but will most likely be during October of 2019. No individual student results are reported.
NAEP TUDA (Trial Urban District Assessment)	Shelby County Schools is now a part of NAEP TUDA. The TUDA program is a subsection of NAEP that provides assessment results to participating districts. 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.	NAEP TUDA results are reported for the nation, state, and district. Release of results is TBD but will most likely be during October of 2019. No individual student results are reported.
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 June 2019, districts are scheduled to 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 Grades 6-8 ALT for 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 and need an alternate assessment to measure achievement. 2nd grade students will take ELA and math ALT assessments via paper. 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 ALT assessments. Social studies ALT assessments will be given via paper in grades 6-8 but will not be given in grades 3-5 in 2018-19.	Students' score reports will be available in late July 2019. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first two weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with parents.
TCAP Grades 3-8	All subjects (ELA, math, science, and social studies) will be assessed using this vendor. Grades 3-8 students will test via paper/pencil for the 2018-19 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. There will be no grades 3-5 testing in social studies during the 2018-19 school year.	Students' score reports will be available in late July 2019. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first two weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with parents.
TCAP End-of-Course	The following End-of-Course assessments will be administered: English I, II, Algebra I, II, Geometry, Biology, and U.S. History. Schools using an integrated math approach administer Integrated Math I, II, and III EOC assessments instead of algebra and geometry assessments. All End of Course assessments will be taken online for the 2018-19 school year via the Questar 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 July 2019. SCS will deliver reports to schools during the first two weeks of the upcoming school year. Schools should share the individual profile reports with parents.
TN Grade 2 Assessment	Second grade students will take the Grade 2 Assessment. This assessment will be a criterion-referenced assessment that will assess TN state standards in both ELA and math.	Students' score reports will be available in August 2019. SCS will deliver reports to schools within two weeks of the materials' arrival. Schools should share the individual profile reports with 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 in AP courses, and results from these assessments will be used to help determine eligibility for college credits. Students will take these assessments via paper/pencil beginning on May 6.	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.