



## **Statewide Student Assessment: 2009-10**

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## Statewide Student Assessment: 2009-10

### Overview

CCSSO annually collects and reports information on statewide student assessment programs. The information is updated each year through the cooperation of the assessment director and staff in each state and the District of Columbia. This report contains critical information regarding statewide assessments administered to public school students during the school year 2009-10.

The CCSSO report focuses on key characteristics of state assessment programs in four academic subjects: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. For each state, we report by subject the name of the test(s), grades assessed, type of test and the test window (time period during the school year). The information reported by subject in 50-state tables is drawn from a more extensive state assessment profile database which is updated by states and maintained by CCSSO.

**State Programs by Subject:** As of 2009-10 school year, all states required statewide assessments of public school students in Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science. Under the requirements of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act states must assess students in ELA and Math in grades 3-8 and one high school grade, and states must assess students in three grades in Science. Many states have more than one test instrument that is used in a subject, and the following tables report all tests in place for 2009-10 by name, type and test window. In Social Studies, 21 states have student assessments in place at one or more grade.

**Type of Test:** Many states shifted their statewide programs toward standards-based assessment in the 1990s, and criterion-referenced tests (CRT) were adopted by states in order for the assessment instrument design and method of scoring to be more consistent, or aligned, with state content standards. Under the requirements of the NCLB Act of 2001, all states were required to demonstrate the alignment of the state assessments in ELA, Math and Science to state content standards, and the types of tests that were approved for this purpose are either CRTs or augmented norm-referenced tests (NRT).

**Test Window:** Each state establishes policy for their assessment program so that the program meets the needs and interests of educators, decision-makers, and the public. The time period when the assessments will be administered to students has changed in many states in recent years. States have worked to balance the requirements for accountability reporting with adequate time for a grade or course curriculum to be completed. The data by state show that the test window varies widely across states and often varies between programs within states.

**For further information** on CCSSO's annual reporting on Statewide Student Assessment, and research and reports on state education policies, go to [www.ccsso.org](http://www.ccsso.org).

The 50-state database on State Student Assessment includes additional characteristics of each state's assessments by subject and grade, assessments for English-language proficiency, alternate assessments, and types of assessment items.

## Statewide Student Assessment: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, SY 2009-10

| State                       | Full Test Name                                                              | Grade                                               | Type of Test      | Test Window                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Alabama</a>     | Alabama High School Graduation Exam                                         | Grade 11                                            | CRT               | Mar. 1-5, 2010                                                |
|                             | Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition; Alabama Reading Test               | Grades 3-8                                          | NRT, CRT          | Mar. 22-April 2, 2010                                         |
| <a href="#">Alaska</a>      | Standards Based Assessments                                                 | Grades 3-10                                         | CRT               | 2/5/10 - 2/19/10                                              |
| <a href="#">Arizona</a>     | Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards                                     | Grades 3-8, 10                                      | CRT               | Spring Testing: Grades 3-8 April 12-23; AIMS HS: Reading-2/23 |
| <a href="#">Arkansas</a>    | Arkansas Augmented Benchmark Examinations in Literacy (Reading and Writing) | Grades 3-8-- Literacy                               | CRT, NRT          | April 12-16                                                   |
|                             | Arkansas Grade 11 Literacy (Reading and Writing) Examinations               | Grade 11                                            | CRT               | March 9-10                                                    |
| <a href="#">California</a>  | California Standards Tests                                                  | Grades 2-11                                         | CRT               | 21 days at 85% of instructional year                          |
|                             | Standards-based Tests in Spanish                                            | Grades 2-11                                         | CRT               | 21 days at 85% of instructional year                          |
|                             | California High School Exit Exam                                            | Grades 9-11                                         | CRT               | 7 times per year                                              |
| <a href="#">Colorado</a>    | Colorado ACT                                                                | Grade 11                                            | NRT               | April - One day                                               |
|                             | Colorado Student Assessment Program                                         | Grades 3-10                                         | CRT               | March/April - 5 weeks                                         |
| <a href="#">Connecticut</a> | Connecticut Academic Performance Test                                       | Grade 10                                            | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                                    |
|                             | Connecticut Mastery Test                                                    | Grades 3-8                                          | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                                    |
| <a href="#">DC</a>          | DC Comprehensive Assessment System                                          | Grades 3-8; 10                                      | CRT               | April 19-30                                                   |
| <a href="#">Delaware</a>    | Delaware Student Testing Program                                            | Grades 2-11                                         | NRT, CRT          | NA                                                            |
| <a href="#">Florida</a>     | Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test                                       | Reading: Grades 3-10, retakes 11-12; Writing 4,8,10 | CRT               | Writing Feb. 9 -11; Reading - Mar. 9-19, 2010                 |
| <a href="#">Georgia</a>     | Criterion Referenced Competency Tests                                       | Grades 1-8                                          | CRT               | April 5 - May 7, 2010                                         |
|                             | End of Course Tests                                                         | Grades 6-8, 9-12                                    | CRT               | Nov. 30, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010; April 26-June 4, 2010           |
|                             | Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developmental Skills                      | K                                                   | CRT               | Observational checklist submitted April 23, 2010 by teachers  |
| <a href="#">Hawaii</a>      | Hawaii State Reading Assessment; Terra Nova                                 | Grades 3-8, 10                                      | NRT, CRT          | NA                                                            |
| <a href="#">Idaho</a>       | Idaho Reading Indicator                                                     | K-3                                                 | CRT - performance | September, January, April                                     |
|                             | Idaho State Achievement Test                                                | 3-8, 10                                             | CRT - mult/choice | Mid-April to Mid-May                                          |
| <a href="#">Illinois</a>    | Illinois Standards Achievement Test                                         | Grades 3-8                                          | augmented NRT     | March 1 - 12                                                  |
|                             | Prairie State Achievement Examination                                       | Grade 11                                            | augmented CRT     | April 28-29, 2001                                             |
| <a href="#">Indiana</a>     | Graduation Qualifying Exam                                                  | Grade 10                                            | CRT               | NA                                                            |
|                             | Indiana Statewide Testing for Education Progress Plus                       | Grade 3-9                                           | CRT               | NA                                                            |

|                                |                                                                 |                    |           |                                                          |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Iowa</a>           | Iowa Tests of Basic Skills                                      | Grades 3-8         | NRT       | Fall, Midyear, Spring                                    |
|                                | Iowa Test of Education Development                              | Grades 9-11        | NRT       | Fall, Midyear, Spring                                    |
| <a href="#">Kansas</a>         | Kansas State Assessment                                         | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | 2/17 to 4/13                                             |
| <a href="#">Kentucky</a>       | Kentucky Core Content Test                                      | Grades 3-8, 10-11  | CRT       | April 19 - April 30 2010 (Tentative)                     |
| <a href="#">Louisiana</a>      | Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                        | Grades 4, 8        | CRT       | April 12-16, 2010                                        |
|                                | Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program             | Grades 3, 5-7, 9   | Aug NRT   | April 12-16, 2010                                        |
| <a href="#">Maine</a>          | New England Common Assessment Program (Reading)                 | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | 10/1 - 22, 2009                                          |
|                                | PSAT                                                            | Grades 10, 11      | NRT       | Apr-10                                                   |
| <a href="#">Maryland</a>       | Maryland School Assessment                                      | Grades 3-12        | CRT       | 40238                                                    |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts</a>  | Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System                   | Grades 3-11        | CRT       | 3/22 - 4/12, 5/10 - 5/27, 6/2/10 - 6/3/10                |
| <a href="#">Michigan</a>       | Michigan Educational Assessment Program                         | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | 10/13/2009 - 10/29/2009                                  |
|                                | Michigan Merit Examination                                      | Grade 11           | ANRT      | 3/9/2010 - 3/25/2010                                     |
| <a href="#">Minnesota</a>      | Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment-Series II                    | Grades 3-8, 10, 11 | CRT       | April 12-30                                              |
| <a href="#">Mississippi</a>    | Mississippi Curriculum Test                                     | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | May 11, 12, 13                                           |
|                                | Subject Area Testing Program, End-of-Course Test: English II MC | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | December 1, 3, 4                                         |
| <a href="#">Missouri</a>       | Missouri Assessment Program                                     | Grades 3-8, 10-11  | ANRT, CRT | 3/29/10-4/23/10                                          |
|                                | EOC-English II, EOC-Other                                       | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | 10/13/09-1/31/10, 3/1-5/28/10, 6/15-8/31/10              |
| <a href="#">Montana</a>        | Montana Comprehensive Assessment System                         | Grades 3-8, 10     | CRT       | March 1 - March 24, 2010                                 |
| <a href="#">Nebraska</a>       | NeSA (Nebraska State Accountability)                            | Grades 3-8; 11     | CRT       | March 29-April 30                                        |
| <a href="#">Nevada</a>         | Criterion Referenced Tests                                      | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | Within days of the 120th day of instruction              |
|                                | High School Proficiency Examination in Reading                  | Grades 10-12       | CRT       | November 16-20, March 8 - 12, Gr. 12: May 3-5 July 12-16 |
| <a href="#">New Hampshire</a>  | New England Common Assessment Program (Reading)                 | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | October, 2009                                            |
|                                | New England Common Assessment Program (Writing)                 | Grades 5, 8, 11    | CRT       | October, 2009                                            |
| <a href="#">New Jersey</a>     | High School Proficiency Assessment                              | Grade 11           | CRT       | March 2-11, 2010                                         |
|                                | New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment                        | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | April 27-May 21, 2010                                    |
| <a href="#">New Mexico</a>     | New Mexico School Assessment Program                            | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | 3/22 - 4/23/2010                                         |
| <a href="#">New York</a>       | English Language Assessment Tests                               | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | April 26 - 28, 2010                                      |
|                                | High School Regents Examination                                 | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | January 26-29, June 15-24, August 11-13.                 |
| <a href="#">North Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Exams (English I,)                                | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | Last wk of course if block; last 2 weeks if yearlong     |
|                                | End-of-Grade Assessment                                         | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | Last 3 wks of school                                     |

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| <a href="#">North Dakota</a>   | North Dakota State Assessment                                    | Grades 3-8, 11       | CRT | Oct 26- Nov 13                                                             |
| <a href="#">Ohio</a>           | Ohio Achievement Test                                            | Grades 3-8           | CRT | April 19-May 7, 2010                                                       |
|                                | Ohio Graduation Test                                             | Grade 10             | CRT | March 15-28 2010                                                           |
| <a href="#">Oklahoma</a>       | OK Core Curriculum Test                                          | Grades 3-8, HS EOI   | CRT | NA                                                                         |
| <a href="#">Oregon</a>         | Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Online - Reading       | Grades 3-12          | CRT | Oct. 7 - May 14                                                            |
| <a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>   | Pennsylvania System of School Assessment                         | Grades 3-8, 11       | CRT | April 7-16, 2010                                                           |
| <a href="#">Rhode Island</a>   | New England Common Assessment Program                            | Grades 3-8, 11       | CRT | October, 2009                                                              |
| <a href="#">South Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Examination Program (when course taken for credit) | Grade 8-12           | CRT | December - January, May - June, and July (districts selects 3-week window) |
|                                | Palmetto Assessment of State Standards                           | Grades 3-8; Grade 10 | CRT | Writing 2nd week March, ELA reading and research 2nd- 3rd weeks May        |
| <a href="#">South Dakota</a>   | Achievement Series Assessments                                   | Grades 1-12          | CRT | all year                                                                   |
| <a href="#">Tennessee</a>      | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests     | Grades 3-8           | CRT | March 22 - April 9, 2010                                                   |
|                                | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program End-of-Course         | Grades 9-12          | CRT | Within last 10 days of course                                              |
| <a href="#">Texas</a>          | Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills                         | Grades 3-11          | CRT | NA                                                                         |
| <a href="#">Utah</a>           | Utah Core Curriculum                                             | Grades 3-11          | CRT | 6 weeks before the last Monday of the year                                 |
| <a href="#">Vermont</a>        | New England Common Assessment Program                            | Grades 3-8, 11       | CRT | October 1 - 23, 2009                                                       |
| <a href="#">Virginia</a>       | End-of-Course Assessments                                        | Grades 9-12          | CRT | Administered in fall, spring, and summer                                   |
|                                | Standards of Learning Assessments                                | Grades 3-8           | CRT | Grades 6, 7, and 8 administered fall and spring                            |
| <a href="#">Washington</a>     | High School Proficiency Exam                                     | Grades 10-12         | CRT | March 16-18 (R/W)                                                          |
|                                | Measurements of Student Progress                                 | Grades 3-8           | CRT | May 12-28, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">West Virginia</a>  | West Virginia Educational Standards Tests                        | Grades 3-11          | CRT | Writing: March 1-April 30, 2010; Other Subjects: May 17-28, 2010           |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin</a>      | Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations                      | Grades 3-8, 10       | CRT | Oct 26 - Nov 27, 2009                                                      |
| <a href="#">Wyoming</a>        | Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students                     | Grades 3-8, 11       | CRT | March 8-April 8, 2010                                                      |

Note: NRT= Norm-referenced test; CRT= Criterion-referenced test; Aug-NRT= Augmented Norm-referenced test; EOC= End of Course; EOI= End of Instruction; CIM= Certificate of Mastery

Source: Council of Chief State School Officers, State Departments of Education, 2010

## Statewide Student Assessment: MATHEMATICS, SY 2009-10

| State                       | Full Test Name                                                    | Grade             | Type of Test      | Test Window                                                      |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Alabama</a>     | Alabama High School Graduation Exam                               | Grade 11          | CRT               | Mar. 1-5, 2010                                                   |
|                             | Stanford Achievement Test, 10th Edition; Alabama Mathematics Test | Grades 3-8        | NRT, CRT          | Mar. 22-April 2, 2010                                            |
| <a href="#">Alaska</a>      | Standards Based Assessments                                       | Grades 3-10       | CRT               | 2/5/10 - 2/19/10                                                 |
| <a href="#">Arizona</a>     | Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards                           | Grades 3-8, 10    | CRT               | Spring Testing: Grades 3-8, AIMS HS: Math, Apr 7                 |
| <a href="#">Arkansas</a>    | Algebra II End-of-Course Examination                              | Grades 11-12      | NRT               | January 13; May 5                                                |
|                             | Arkansas Augmented Benchmark Examinations Mathematics             | Grades 3-8        | CRT, NRT          | April 12-16                                                      |
| <a href="#">California</a>  | California Standards Tests                                        | Grades 2-11       | CRT               | 21 days at 85% of instructional year                             |
|                             | Standards-based Tests in Spanish                                  | Grades 2-11       | CRT               | 21 days at 85% of instructional year                             |
|                             | California High School Exit Exam                                  | Grades 9-11       | CRT               | 7 times per year                                                 |
| <a href="#">Colorado</a>    | Colorado ACT                                                      | Grade 11          | NRT               | April - One day                                                  |
|                             | Colorado Student Assessment Program                               | Grades 3-10       | CRT               | March/April - 5 weeks                                            |
| <a href="#">Connecticut</a> | Connecticut Academic Performance Test                             | Grade 10          | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                                       |
|                             | Connecticut Mastery Test                                          | Grades 3-8        | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                                       |
| <a href="#">DC</a>          | DC Comprehensive Assessment System                                | Grades 3-8; 10    | CRT               | April 19-30                                                      |
| <a href="#">Delaware</a>    | Delaware Student Testing Program                                  | Grades 2-11       | NRT/CRT           | NA                                                               |
| <a href="#">Florida</a>     | Algebra I EOC Test                                                | Grades 9-12       | CRT               | NA                                                               |
|                             | Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test                             | Grades 3-11       | CRT               | Mar. 9-19                                                        |
| <a href="#">Georgia</a>     | Criterion Referenced Competency Tests                             | Grades 1-8        | CRT               | April 5 - May 7, 2010                                            |
|                             | End of Course Tests                                               | Grades 6-8, 9-12  | CRT               | Nov. 30, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010; April 26-June 4, 2010              |
|                             | Georgia Kindergarten Inventory of Developmental Skills            | K                 | CRT               | Observational checklist of performance standards; April 23, 2010 |
| <a href="#">Hawaii</a>      | Hawaii State Mathematics Assessment; Terra Nova                   | Grades 3-8, 10    | NRT, CRT          |                                                                  |
| <a href="#">Idaho</a>       | Idaho State Achievement Test                                      | 3-8, 10           | CRT - mult/choice | Mid-April to Mid-May                                             |
| <a href="#">Illinois</a>    | Illinois Standards Achievement Test                               | Grades 3-8        | augmented NRT     | March 1 - 12                                                     |
| <a href="#">Iowa</a>        | Iowa Tests of Basic Skills                                        | Grades 3-8        | NRT               | Fall, Midyear, Spring                                            |
|                             | Iowa Test of Education Development                                | Grades 9-11       | NRT               | Fall, Midyear, Spring                                            |
| <a href="#">Kansas</a>      | Kansas State Assessment                                           | Grades 3-8, 11    | CRT               | 2/17 to 4/13                                                     |
| <a href="#">Kentucky</a>    | Kentucky Core Content Test                                        | Grades 3-8, 10-11 | CRT               | April 19 - April 30 2010 (Tentative)                             |
| <a href="#">Louisiana</a>   | Graduation Exit Examination                                       | Grades 10, 11     | CRT               | April 12-16, 2010                                                |
|                             | Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                          | Grades 4, 8       | CRT               | April 12-16, 2010                                                |
|                             | Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program               | Grades 3, 5-7, 9  | Aug NRT           | April 12-16, 2010                                                |

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| <a href="#">Maine</a>          | New England Common Assessment Program (Math)                            | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | Oct. 1 - 22, 2009                                        |
|                                | SAT                                                                     | Grade 11           | ANRT      | 5/1/2010                                                 |
| <a href="#">Maryland</a>       | Maryland School Assessment                                              | Grades 3-12        | CRT       | April, 2010                                              |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts</a>  | Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System                           | Grades 3-11        | CRT       | 3/22 - 4/12, 5/10 - 5/27, 6/2 - 6/3/10                   |
| <a href="#">Michigan</a>       | Michigan Educational Assessment Program                                 | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | 10/13/2009 - 10/29/2009                                  |
|                                | Michigan Merit Examination                                              | Grade 11           | ANRT      | 3/9/2010 - 3/25/2010                                     |
| <a href="#">Minnesota</a>      | Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment-Series II                            | Grades 3-8, 10, 11 | CRT       | April 12-30                                              |
| <a href="#">Mississippi</a>    | Mississippi Curriculum Test                                             | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | May 11, 12, 13                                           |
|                                | Subject Area Testing Program, High School End-of-Course Test: Algebra I | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | December 1, 3, 4                                         |
| <a href="#">Missouri</a>       | Missouri Assessment Program Grade-level tests                           | Grades 3-8, 10-11  | ANRT, CRT | 3/29/10-4/23/10                                          |
|                                | EOC Alg.I, EOC-Other                                                    | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | 10/13/09-1/31/10, 3/1-5/28/10, 6/15-8/31/10              |
| <a href="#">Montana</a>        | Montana Comprehensive Assessment System                                 | Grades 3-8, 10     | CRT       | March 1 - March 24, 2010                                 |
| <a href="#">Nebraska</a>       | STARS                                                                   | Grades 3-8; 11     | CRT       | March 29-April 30                                        |
| <a href="#">Nevada</a>         | Criterion Referenced Tests                                              | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | Within days of the 120th day of instruction              |
|                                | High School Proficiency Examination Math                                | Grades 10-12       | CRT       | November 16-20, March 8 - 12, Gr. 12: May 3-5 July 12-16 |
| <a href="#">New Hampshire</a>  | New England Common Assessment Program (Mathematics)                     | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | October, 2009                                            |
| <a href="#">New Jersey</a>     | High School Proficiency Assessment                                      | Grade 11           | CRT       | March 2-11, 2010                                         |
|                                | New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment                                | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | April 27-May 21, 2010                                    |
| <a href="#">New Mexico</a>     | New Mexico School Assessment Program                                    | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | 3/22/2010 through 4/23/2010                              |
| <a href="#">New York</a>       | High School Regents Examination                                         | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | January 26-29, June 15-24, August 11-13, 2010            |
|                                | Mathematics Assessment Tests                                            | Grade 3-8          | CRT       | May 5-7, 2010                                            |
| <a href="#">North Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Exams (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry)                   | Grades 9-12        | CRT       | Last wk of course if block; last 2 weeks if yearlong     |
|                                | End-of-Grade Assessment                                                 | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | Last 3 wks of school                                     |
| <a href="#">North Dakota</a>   | North Dakota State Assessment                                           | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | Oct 26- Nov 13                                           |
| <a href="#">Ohio</a>           | Ohio Achievement Test                                                   | Grades 3-8         | CRT       | April 19-May 7, 2010                                     |
|                                | Ohio Graduation Test                                                    | Grade 10           | CRT       | March 15-28, 2010                                        |
| <a href="#">Oklahoma</a>       | OK Core Curriculum Test                                                 | Grades 3-8, HS EOI |           |                                                          |
| <a href="#">Oregon</a>         | Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Online                        | Grades 3-12        | CRT       | 10/7 - 5/14                                              |
| <a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>   | Pennsylvania System of School Assessment                                | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | April 7-16, 2010                                         |
| <a href="#">Rhode Island</a>   | New England Common Assessment Program                                   | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT       | October, 2009                                            |

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| <a href="#">South Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Examination Program (when course taken for credit) | Grade 8-12              | CRT | December - January, May - June, and July (districts selects 3-week window) |
|                                | Palmetto Assessment of State Standards                           | Grades 3-8;<br>Grade 10 | CRT | October, April, and July                                                   |
| <a href="#">South Dakota</a>   | Achievement Series Assessments                                   | Grades 1-12             | CRT | all year                                                                   |
|                                | Dakota Assessment of Content Standards                           | Grades 2-12             | CRT | all year                                                                   |
|                                | SD Test of Educational Progress                                  | Grades 3-8,<br>11       | CRT | end of Mar - April                                                         |
| <a href="#">Tennessee</a>      | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests     | Grades 3-8              | CRT | 3/22 - 4/9/10                                                              |
|                                | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program End-of-Course         | Grades 9-12             | CRT | Within last 10 days of course                                              |
| <a href="#">Texas</a>          | Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills                         | Grades 3-11             | CRT | NA                                                                         |
| <a href="#">Utah</a>           | Utah Core Curriculum                                             | Grades 3-11             | CRT | 6 weeks before the last Monday of the year                                 |
| <a href="#">Vermont</a>        | New England Common Assessment Program                            | Grades 3-8,<br>11       | CRT | October 1 - 23, 2009                                                       |
| <a href="#">Virginia</a>       | End-of-Course Assessments                                        | Grades 9-12             | CRT | Administered in fall, spring, and summer                                   |
|                                | Standards of Learning Assessments                                | Grades 3-8              | CRT | Grades 6, 7, and 8 administered fall and spring                            |
| <a href="#">Washington</a>     | High School Proficiency Exam                                     | Grades 10-12            | CRT | April 13 & 15 (M/S)                                                        |
|                                | Measurements of Student Progress                                 | Grades 3-8              | CRT | May 12-28, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">West Virginia</a>  | West Virginia Educational Standards Tests                        | Grades 3-11             | CRT | May 17-28, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin</a>      | Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations                      | Grades 3-8,<br>10       | CRT | Oct 26 - Nov 27                                                            |
| <a href="#">Wyoming</a>        | Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students                     | Grades 3-8,<br>11       | CRT | March 8-April 8, 2010                                                      |

Note: NRT= Norm-referenced test; CRT= Criterion-referenced test; Aug-NRT= Augmented Norm-referenced test; EOC= End of Course; EOI= End of Instruction; CIM= Certificate of Mastery

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## Statewide Student Assessment: SCIENCE, SY 2009-10

| State                       | Full Test Name                                                   | Grade              | Type of Test      | Test Window                                         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Alabama</a>     | Alabama High School Graduation Exam                              | Grade 11           | CRT               | Mar. 1-5, 2010                                      |
|                             | Alabama Science Assessment                                       | Grades 5 and 7     | CRT               | April 5-7, 2010                                     |
| <a href="#">Alaska</a>      | Science Assessment                                               | Grades 4, 8, 10    | CRT               | 2/5/10 - 2/19/10                                    |
| <a href="#">Arizona</a>     | Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards                          | Grades 4, 8, 10    | CRT               | Science April 12-23: AIMS HS: Science Apr. 8        |
| <a href="#">Arkansas</a>    | Arkansas Augmented Benchmark Examinations: Science (with SAT-10) | Grades 5 & 7       | CRT, NRT          | April 12-16                                         |
|                             | Arkansas Biology End-of-Course Examination                       | Grades 9-10        | CRT               | January 26-27; April 27-28                          |
| <a href="#">California</a>  | California Standards Tests                                       | 5, 8, 9-11         | CRT               | 21-days at 85% of instructional year                |
| <a href="#">Colorado</a>    | Colorado ACT                                                     | Grade 11           | NRT               | April - One day                                     |
|                             | Colorado Student Assessment Program                              | Grades 5, 8, 10    | CRT               | March/April - 5 weeks                               |
| <a href="#">Connecticut</a> | Connecticut Academic Performance Test                            | Grade 10           | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                          |
|                             | Connecticut Mastery Test                                         | Grades 5, 8        | CRT, NRT, Other   | March 9-26                                          |
| <a href="#">DC</a>          | DC Comprehensive Assessment System                               | Grades 5, 8,       | CRT               | April 19-30                                         |
|                             | DC Comprehensive Assessment System Biology                       | Grades 9-12        | CRT               | April 19-30                                         |
| <a href="#">Delaware</a>    | Delaware Student Testing Program                                 | Grades 4, 6, 8, 11 | NRT/CRT           | NA                                                  |
| <a href="#">Florida</a>     | Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test                            | Grades 5, 8, 11    | CRT               | RMS Mar.9 -19                                       |
| <a href="#">Georgia</a>     | Criterion Referenced Competency Tests                            | Grades 3, 4, 5     | CRT               | April 5 - May 7, 2010                               |
|                             | End of Course Tests                                              | Grades 6-11        | CRT               | Nov. 30, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010; April 26-June 4, 2010 |
| Hawaii                      | Hawaii State Science Assessment                                  | Grades 5,7, 11     | CRT               | NA                                                  |
| <a href="#">Idaho</a>       | Idaho State Achievement Test                                     | Grades 5, 7, 10    | CRT - mult/choice | Mid-April to Mid-May                                |
| <a href="#">Illinois</a>    | Illinois Standards Achievement Test                              | Grades 4, 7        | augmented NRT     | March 1 - 12                                        |
|                             | Prairie State Achievement Examination                            | Grade 11           | augmented CRT     | April 28-29, 2001                                   |
| <a href="#">Iowa</a>        | Iowa Tests of Basic Skills                                       | Grades 5, 8        | NRT               | Fall, Midyear, Spring                               |
|                             | Iowa Test of Education Development                               | Grade 11           | NRT               | Fall, Midyear, Spring                               |
| <a href="#">Kansas</a>      | Kansas State Assessment                                          | Grades 4, 7, 11    | CRT               | 2/17 to 4/13                                        |
| <a href="#">Kentucky</a>    | Kentucky Core Content Test                                       | Grades 4, 7, 11    | CRT               | April 19 - April 30 2010 (Tentative)                |
| <a href="#">Louisiana</a>   | Graduation Exit Examination                                      | Grade 11           | CRT               | April 12-16, 2010                                   |
|                             | Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                         | Grades 4, 8        | CRT               | April 12-16, 2010                                   |

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|                                | Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                   | Grades 3, 5-7             | Aug NRT   | April 12-16, 2010                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Maryland</a>       | Maryland School Assessment                                            | Grades 5, 8, EOC Bio 9-12 | CRT       | April, 2010                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts</a>  | Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System                         | Grades 5, 8-10            | CRT       | 3/22 - 4/12, 5/10 - 5/27, 6/2 - 6/3/10                                                                |
| <a href="#">Michigan</a>       | Michigan Educational Assessment Program                               | Grades 5, 8               | CRT       | 10/13/2009 - 10/29/2009                                                                               |
|                                | Michigan Merit Examination                                            | Grade 11                  | ANRT      | 3/9/2010 - 3/25/2010                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">Minnesota</a>      | Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment-Series II                          | Grades 5, 8, EOC Bio 9-12 | CRT       | April 12-30                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">Mississippi</a>    | Elementary/Middle Grades Science Assessment                           | Grades 5, 8               | CRT       | March, 2010                                                                                           |
|                                | Subject Area Testing Program, High School End-of-Course Test: Biology | Grades 9-12               | CRT       | December 1, 3, 4, 2009                                                                                |
| <a href="#">Missouri</a>       | Missouri Assessment Program                                           | Grades 5, 8,              | ANRT, CRT | 3/29/10-4/23/10                                                                                       |
|                                | EOC Exam - Biology                                                    | Grades 9-12               | CRT       | 10/13/09-1/31/10, 3/1/10-5/28/10, 6/15-8/31/10                                                        |
| <a href="#">Montana</a>        | Montana Comprehensive Assessment System                               | Grades 4, 8, 10           | CRT       | March 1 - March 24, 2010                                                                              |
| <a href="#">Nebraska</a>       | STARS                                                                 | Grades 4, 8, 11           | CRT       | NA                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">Nevada</a>         | Criterion Referenced Tests                                            | Grades 5, 8               | CRT       | Within days of the 120th day of instruction                                                           |
|                                | High School Proficiency Examination in Reading, Math, & Science       | Grades 10-12              | CRT       | November 16-20 (Grades 11&12), March 8 - 12 (Grades 10-12), May 3-5 (Grade 12), July 12-16 (Grade 12) |
| <a href="#">New Hampshire</a>  | NECAP                                                                 | Grades 4, 8, 11           | CRT       | May-10                                                                                                |
| <a href="#">New Jersey</a>     | Biology Test                                                          | Grade 11                  |           | NA                                                                                                    |
|                                | New Jersey Skills & Knowledge Assessment                              | Grades 3-8                | CRT       | April 27-May 21, 2010                                                                                 |
| <a href="#">New Mexico</a>     | New Mexico School Assessment Program                                  | Grades 3-8, 11            | CRT       | 3/22 - 4/23/2010                                                                                      |
| <a href="#">New York</a>       | High School Regents Examination                                       | Grades 9-12               | CRT       | January 2010: January 26-29. June 2010: June 15-24. August 2010: August 11-13.                        |
|                                | Science Examination                                                   | Grades 4,8                | CRT       | Performance Test: May 24-June 3, Written: June 7, 2010.                                               |
| <a href="#">North Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Exams (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science)   | Grades 9-12               | CRT       | Last wk of course if block; last 2 weeks if yearlong                                                  |
|                                | End-of-Grade Assessment                                               | Grades 5, 8               | CRT       | Last 3 wks of school                                                                                  |
| <a href="#">North Dakota</a>   | North Dakota State Assessment                                         | Grades 4, 8, 11           | CRT       | Oct 26- Nov 13                                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Ohio</a>           | Ohio Achievement Test                                                 | Grades 3, 8               | CRT       | April 19-May 7, 2010                                                                                  |
|                                | Ohio Graduation Test                                                  | Grade 10                  | CRT       | March 15-28, 2010                                                                                     |
| <a href="#">Oklahoma</a>       | OK Core Curriculum Test                                               | Grades 3, 8, EOI          | CRT       | NA                                                                                                    |
| <a href="#">Oregon</a>         | Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Online - Science            | Grades 5, 8, 9-10         | CRT       | 10/7 - 5/14                                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">Pennsylvania</a>   | PSSA- Science                                                    | Gr. 4, 8, 11       | CRT | April 26-30, 2010                                                          |
| <a href="#">Rhode Island</a>   | New England Common Assessment Program/Science Grades 4,8         | Grades 4,8,11      | CRT | May, 2010                                                                  |
| <a href="#">South Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Examination Program (when course taken for credit) | Grade 8-12         | CRT | December - January, May - June, and July (districts selects 3-week window) |
|                                | Palmetto Assessment of State Standards                           | Grades 3-8         | CRT | October, April, and July                                                   |
| <a href="#">South Dakota</a>   | Achievement Series Assessments                                   | Grades 1-12        | CRT | all year                                                                   |
| <a href="#">South Dakota</a>   | Dakota Assessment of Content Standards                           | Grades 2-12        | CRT | all year                                                                   |
| -                              | SD Test of Educational Progress                                  | Grades 3-8, 11     | CRT | end of Mar - April                                                         |
| <a href="#">Tennessee</a>      | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests     | Grades 3-8         | CRT | 3/22 - 4/9/10                                                              |
|                                | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program End-of-Course         | Grades 9-12        | CRT | Within last 10 days of course                                              |
| <a href="#">Texas</a>          | End-of-Course (optional until the 2011-2012 school year)         | Grades 11, 12      | CRT | NA                                                                         |
|                                | Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills                         | Grades 5, 8, 10-11 | CRT | NA                                                                         |
| <a href="#">Utah</a>           | Science Core Criterion Referenced Tests                          | Grades 4-12        | CRT | 6 weeks before the last Monday of the year                                 |
| <a href="#">Vermont</a>        | New England Common Assessment Program Science                    | Grades 4,8,11      | CRT | May 10 - 26, 2010                                                          |
| <a href="#">Virginia</a>       | End-of-Course Assessments                                        | Grades 9-12        | CRT | Administered in fall, spring, and summer                                   |
|                                | Standards of Learning Assessments                                | Grades 3, 5, 8     | CRT | Fall and Spring                                                            |
| <a href="#">Washington</a>     | High School Proficiency Exam                                     | Grades 10-12       | CRT | April 13 & 15                                                              |
|                                | Measurements of Student Progress                                 | Grades 5, 8        | CRT | May 12-28, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">West Virginia</a>  | West Virginia Educational Standards Tests                        | Grades 3-11        | CRT | May 17-28, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin</a>      | Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations                      | Grades 4, 8, 10    | CRT | Oct 26 - Nov 27, 2009                                                      |
| <a href="#">Wyoming</a>        | Proficiency Assessments for Wyoming Students                     | Grades 4, 8, 11    | CRT | March 8-April 8, 2010                                                      |

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Source: State Departments of Education, 2010; CCSSO Survey, 2010

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| State                          | Full Test Name                                                             | Grade             | Type of Test | Test Window                                                               |
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| <a href="#">Alabama</a>        | Alabama High School Graduation Exam                                        | Grade 11          | CRT          | Mar. 1-5, 2010                                                            |
| <a href="#">California</a>     | California Standards Tests                                                 | Grades 8 -11      | CRT          | 21-days at 85% of instructional year                                      |
| <a href="#">Delaware</a>       | Delaware Student Testing Program                                           | Grades 4, 6, 11   | NRT/CRT      | NA                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Georgia</a>        | Criterion Referenced Competency Tests                                      | Grades 3-8        | CRT          | April 5 - May 7, 2010                                                     |
|                                | End of Course Tests                                                        | Grades 10 -12     | CRT          | Nov. 30, 2009 - Jan. 8, 2010; April 26-June 4, 2010                       |
| <a href="#">Kentucky</a>       | Kentucky Core Content Test                                                 | Grades 5, 8, 11   | CRT          | April 19 - April 30, 2010                                                 |
| <a href="#">Louisiana</a>      | Graduation Exit Examination                                                | Grades 11         | CRT          | April 12-16, 2010                                                         |
|                                | Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                                   | Grades 4, 8       | CRT          | April 12-16, 2010                                                         |
|                                | Integrated Louisiana Educational Assessment Program                        | Grades 3, 5-7     | Aug NRT      | April 12-16, 2010                                                         |
| <a href="#">Massachusetts</a>  | Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System                              | Grades 5, 10-11   | CRT          | Mar. 22-Apr. 12, May 10 - 27, June 2 -3, 2010                             |
| <a href="#">Michigan</a>       | Michigan Educational Assessment Program                                    | Grades 6, 9       | CRT          | Oct. 13 - 29, 2009                                                        |
|                                | Michigan Merit Examination                                                 | Grade 11          | NRT          | Mar. 3 -25, 2010                                                          |
| <a href="#">Mississippi</a>    | Subject Area Testing Program, High School End-of-Course Test: U.S. History | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | Dec. 2, 2009                                                              |
| <a href="#">Missouri</a>       | EOC Exams: American History, American Government                           | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | 10/13/09-1/31/10, 3/1/10-5/28/10, 6/15-8/31/10                            |
| <a href="#">New Jersey</a>     | High School Proficiency Assessment                                         | Grade 11          | CRT          | March 2-11, 2010                                                          |
| <a href="#">New York</a>       | High School Regents Examination                                            | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | Jan. 26-29, June 15-24, August 11-13, 2010                                |
|                                | Social Studies Tests                                                       | Grades 5,8        | CRT          | Gr. 5: Nov. 16-17, 2009. Gr. 8: June 14-15, 2010.                         |
| <a href="#">North Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Exams (Civics & Economics, US History)                       | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | Last wk of course if block; last 2 weeks if yearlong                      |
| <a href="#">Oklahoma</a>       | OK Core Curriculum Test                                                    | Grades 5, 8       | CRT          | NA                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Oregon</a>         | Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills Online - Soc Science             | Grades 5, 8, 9-12 | CRT          | Oct. 7, 2009 - May 14, 2010                                               |
| <a href="#">South Carolina</a> | End-of-Course Examination Program (when course taken for credit)           | Grade 8-12        | CRT          | December - January, May - June, and July (districts select 3 week window) |
|                                | Palmetto Assessment of State Standards                                     | Grades 3-8        | CRT          | Social studies May 2nd, 3rd weeks                                         |
| <a href="#">Tennessee</a>      | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program Achievement Tests               | Grades 3-8        | CRT          | Mar. 22 - April 9, 2010                                                   |
|                                | Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program End-of-Course                   | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | Within last 10 days of course                                             |
| <a href="#">Texas</a>          | End-of-Course (optional until the 2011-2012 school year)                   | Grades 10-12      | CRT          | NA                                                                        |
|                                | Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills                                   | Grades 10-11      | CRT          | NA                                                                        |
| <a href="#">Virginia</a>       | End-of-Course Assessments                                                  | Grades 9-12       | CRT          | Administered in fall, spring, and summer                                  |
|                                | Standards of Learning Assessments                                          | Grades 3-8        | CRT          | Fall and Spring.                                                          |
|                                | Standards of Learning - Content-Specific History                           | Grades 4-8        | CRT          |                                                                           |

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| <a href="#">West Virginia</a> | West Virginia Educational Standards Tests   | Grades 3-11     | CRT | May 17-28, 2010 |
| <a href="#">Wisconsin</a>     | Wisconsin Knowledge & Concepts Examinations | Grades 4, 8, 10 | CRT | Oct 26 - Nov 27 |

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