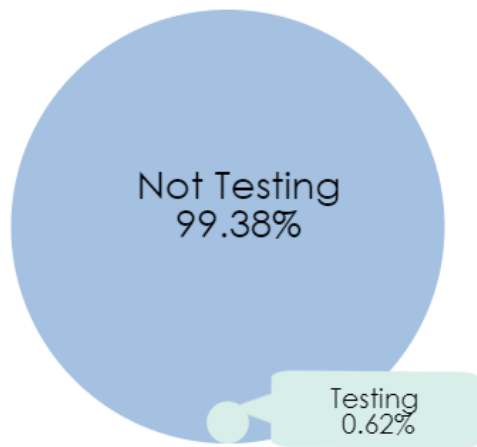


How much time do our students spend on average taking state and district mandated assessments in a school year?



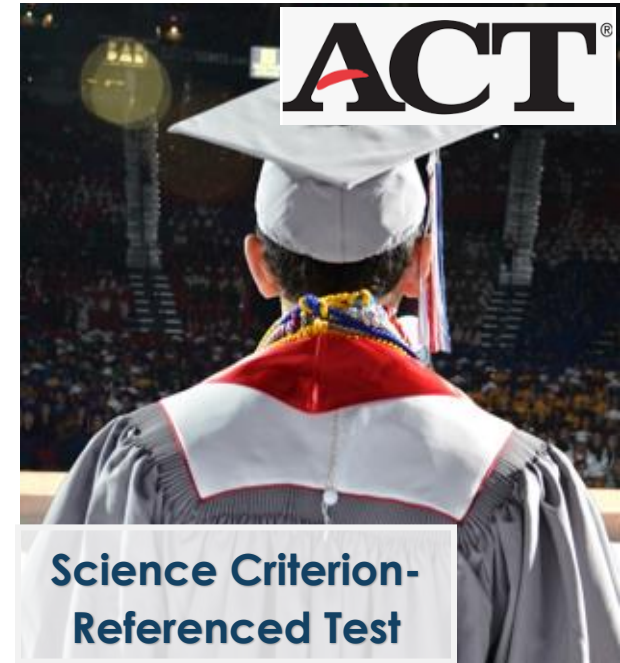
For more information on state and district assessments, go to [aarsi.ccsd.net](http://aarsi.ccsd.net).

High school assessment scores are just a snapshot of your child's achievement. We encourage you to speak with a school counselor or teacher to get a complete picture of your child's achievement and growth.



The Nevada Department of Education provides Nevada's CRTs for Science as well as the Nevada Alternate Assessment. To learn more about state assessments, visit [www.doe.nv.gov/Assessments/](http://www.doe.nv.gov/Assessments/).

## High School Assessments



Assessment Department



## Why take the ACT® exam?

For Nevada's 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, the ACT® exam measures their readiness for college-level course work and identifies academic strengths as they begin exploring career options.

Facts about the ACT® exam in the Clark County School District:

- Free for 11<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Participation is a graduation requirement.
- Results accepted at all four-year colleges/universities in the United States.
- Students with a minimum score of 18 in English and 22 in mathematics will be placed in credit bearing courses upon admission into the Nevada System of Higher Education.
- The ACT® website, [act.org](http://act.org), offers free practice tests and other resources.

For personalized resources available to parents and students, access the ACT® Academy at <https://academy.act.org/>

## What are Criterion-Referenced Tests (CRTs) and why does my child take CRTs?

The CRTs are state tests students take at the end of the school year to demonstrate their understanding of grade level standards. CRTs help measure student progress toward college and career readiness. All students take the Science CRT in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Identified special education students take the Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA) as a state test in 11<sup>th</sup> grade.

CRTs help the Nevada Department of Education and Clark County School District to ensure schools are effectively preparing students for college or a career. CRT scores are used to:

- Identify schools that need additional resources, like teachers, programs, and materials.
- Celebrate successful schools demonstrating high levels of student success.
- Measure a school's star rating along with other factors.

To learn more about school ratings, visit [www.nevadareportcard.com](http://www.nevadareportcard.com).

## How does my child prepare for the Science CRT?

Students and parents can access the Online Tools Training link below to view a sample of the testing platform and test items for the Nevada High School Science exam:

<https://wbte.drccedirect.com/NV/portals/nv>

## What does my child's score mean?

Families of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will receive a student score report at the beginning of each school year which shows your child's:

- Overall achievement level.
- Student's level of mastery in specific content areas:
  - Science and Engineering Practices
  - Disciplinary Core Ideas
  - Crosscutting Concepts
- Comparison to school, district, and state performance averages.

| Nevada Department of Education |                                | NEVADA Student Assessment System |                     | Student Report    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Nevada Ready!                  |                                | Science Assessment               |                     |                   |
| Student: Student Name          | District: Sample District      | State Student ID: XXXXXXXX       |                     |                   |
| Grade: X                       | School: Sample School          | Test Date: Spring 2019           |                     |                   |
| Birth Date: XX/XX/XXXX         |                                |                                  |                     |                   |
| Achievement Levels             |                                |                                  |                     |                   |
| Grade XX                       | Level 1: Minimal Understanding | Level 2: Partial Understanding   | Level 3: Proficient | Level 4: Advanced |
| Science                        |                                |                                  | ✓                   |                   |