

# State and District Assessments: Testing Times 2020-2021

The following **formative** and **summative** assessments are administered in accordance with district and state mandates. Testing times have been provided by test vendors:

## ACT Plus Writing

Required by NRS 390.610

- Online or paper/pencil
- Multiple choice, writing
- Gr. 11
- Winter
- 215 minutes

## Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Required by NRS 390.105(c)

- Paper/pencil
- Multiple choice, free response
- Gr. 9-12, students enrolled in AP courses; more than 1 exam may be taken
- Spring
- 180 minutes

## BRIGANCE

Required by Nevada K.I.D.S. Read by Grade 3 Program; NRS 388.157

- Online or paper/pencil
- Oral and physical responses
- Gr. K
- Fall
- 20 minutes

## Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exams

Required by NAC 389.800 (d and e)

- Online
- Multiple choice
- Gr. 11-12, students enrolled in level 3 completor course; more than 1 exam may be taken
- Spring
- 120 minutes

## Civics Exam

Required by SB 322

- Online or paper/pencil
- Multiple choice
- Gr. 12
- Fall
- 30 minutes

## Criterion-Referenced Test (SBAC)/ Nevada Alternate Assessment (NAA)

Required by NRS 390.105(a)

- Online or paper/pencil
- Multiple choice, performance tasks
- English language arts and Mathematics, Gr. 3-8 and 11 (NAA only); Science, Gr. 5, 8, 9, and 11 (NAA only)
- Spring
- 120-570 minutes

## MAP Growth

Required by Nevada K.I.D.S. Read by Grade 3 Program; NRS 388.157; Focus: 2024

- Online
- Multiple choice
- Reading and Mathematics, Gr. K-10; Science, Gr. 3-8
- Fall, winter, spring
- 360-540 minutes

## National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Required by federal TUDA program

- Online or paper/pencil
- Multiple choice
- Selected students in Gr. 4, 8, and 12
- Winter
- 120 minutes

## Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT)

Required by Focus: 2024

- Paper/pencil
- Multiple choice, grid-ins
- Gr. 8 and 10
- Winter
- 165 minutes

## WIDA Screener

Required by ESSA 2015, NAC 388.625, NRS 388.407

- Online or paper/pencil
- Multiple choice, essay, speaking
- Gr. K-12, newly-enrolled English learners
- Only taken once upon enrollment
- 10-85 minutes

## WIDA ACCESS

Required by ESSA 2015, NAC 388.625, NRS 390.810

- Online or paper/pencil (Gr. K)
- Multiple choice, essay, speaking
- Gr. K-12, identified English learners
- Spring
- 60-165 minutes

# How much time is spent on state and district assessments?

State and district tests are given in addition to classroom-based assessments as part of a balanced assessment system. Care should be taken to ensure duplicative assessments are not administered, putting the focus on instruction and reducing the time spent on testing.

## Elementary Schools (K-5)

### DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

Gr. K: 310 minutes/day

Gr. 1-5: 316 minutes/day

Elementary school allocated times computed from CCSD Allocation of Academic Times K-5.

- Students spend about 1,990 minutes testing on required assessments.
- Testing time calculation includes 30 minutes of transition per test section.

Instructional Time  
96.42%

Testing Time  
3.58%

## Middle Schools (6-8)

### DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

Gr. 6-8: 330 minutes/day

Middle School times computed from a sample of bell schedules minus passing and lunch times, all within the range set forth by CCSD R-6110 and NAC 387.131.

- Students spend about 2,215 minutes testing on required assessments.
- Testing time calculation includes 30 minutes of transition per test section.

Instructional Time  
96.19%

Testing Time  
3.81%

## High Schools (9-12)

### DAILY INSTRUCTIONAL MINUTES

Gr. 9-12: 330 minutes/day

High School times computed from a sample of bell schedules minus passing and lunch times, all within the range set forth by CCSD R-6110 and NAC 387.131.

- Students spend about 1,785 minutes testing on required assessments.
- Testing time calculation includes 30 minutes of transition per test section.

Instructional Time  
96.99%

Testing Time  
3.01%