

Secondary Diagnostic Assessments

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- ***Enabling legislation enacted May 2007***
- **Public Chapter No. 273:**
 - **SECTION 1.** Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-6001(b), is amended by deleting the existing language and by substituting instead the following:
 - As a strategy for assessing student readiness to enter and succeed in postsecondary training, every public school student shall take a series of three (3) examinations, one (1) administered at grade eight (8), one (1) administered at grade ten (10), and one (1) at grade eleven (11). These assessments shall be approved by the Commissioner of Education and provide educators with diagnostic information to assist in developing interventions for the purpose of increasing high school graduation rates and improving student preparation for postsecondary achievement. Each year, the results of such examinations shall be analyzed and reported by the Commissioner of Education to the Select Oversight Committee on Education.
 - **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.



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ACT or College Board Products

- ACT – EPAS
 - ACT for 11th Grade
 - PLAN for 10th Grade
 - Explore for 8th Grade
- College Board
 - SAT for 11th Grade
 - PSAT for 8th and 10th Grade

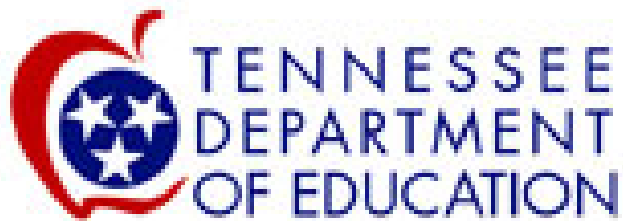




Update LEAP 2009



*Explore/PLAN Test Window
Sept. 21st - Nov. 13th, 2009*



Getting Ready for the ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Make-Up Tuesday, March 23, 2010

<http://www.act.org/aap/tennessee>



Benefits of **Weekday** Test Administration

- Raises awareness and exposure among all students, rather than just self-selected, college-bound students
- Is a great equalizer of opportunity. Primarily, it brings more males, more minorities, and more middle- and low-income students to the enrollment pipeline
- Students will test in a comfortable and familiar environment



Benefits of **Weekday** Test Administration

- High Schools and Districts will receive comprehensive reporting
- Students who test with ACT- Approved Accommodations and Standard Time will receive college reportable scores
- Provides the opportunity for students to test with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed Accommodations

ACT for Tennessee Statewide Test

- March 9, 2010 -- Test Date
 - March 9 – March 23, 2010 – Testing window for students with ACT-Approved and State-Allowed accommodations
1. *All Grade 11 students will have the opportunity to take the ACT in their home school environment during the school day.*
 2. *The March weekday ACT Assessment will be invoiced directly to LEA's in late Spring.*
 3. *BEP Formula funds are allocated to each LEA for this assessment.*
 4. *Cost incurred above the BEP Formula allocation are reimbursable as defined by the TN ACT Reimbursement protocol.*

ACT College Reportable Scores

- Students testing Standard Time or with ACT- Approved Accommodations will receive college reportable scores 3-7 weeks following statewide test administration
- Students also have the option for these scores to be sent to 4 colleges or scholarship agencies at no additional cost to state or student
- College Reportable Scores are available to view online 1-2 months after test date

Step 1: Establishment Process:

Establishing your school as a **test site** for the March 9, 2010 test administration

Timeline

Early September	Establishment Packets sent to school principals
September 18, 2009	Establishment Packets due back to ACT
Week of October 5	Test Accommodations Information packet and Accommodation forms mailed to Test Accommodations Coordinator

Step 1: Establishment Process

School Administration Responsibilities

Principal or designee must...

- Consider staffing requirements and select staff to serve as a Test Supervisor (TS), Back-Up Test Supervisor (BU), and Test Accommodations Coordinator (TAC)
- Complete and return Establishment Packet
- Share information in Establishment Packets with assigned staff
- Beginning planning for testing rooms/facilities with Test Supervisor



Step 2: Training Workshops

- All newly appointed Test Supervisors, Back-up Test Supervisors and Test Accommodations Coordinators **are required** to attend a half day training workshop.
- Numerous procedural changes require one person (TS or BU) to re-attend.
- The workshop will review standard testing requirements and the test administration / test accommodations process.

Step 2: Training Workshops

Appointed staff will sign-up for a workshop online

Memphis	November 16, 2009
Nashville	November 17, 2009
Knoxville	November 18, 2009
Chattanooga	November 19, 2009

Step 3: Request Accommodations

- ACT-Approved Accommodations will be available to students for the statewide test administration
- A DVD will be provided for the Test Accommodations Coordinator to learn details about the accommodations process
- Accommodations procedures and request forms to be mailed to schools in late fall

Step 4: Materials Shipped

- Test Supervisor will provide ACT with enrollment numbers and shipping information
- Pretest materials are shipped 5 weeks prior to test date to Test Supervisor
- Test materials will arrive one week prior to test date
- Accommodations materials will be sent to Test Accommodations Coordinator

Step 5: Test Administration

- Schools conduct pretest session prior to test day (Early February- March 8)
- Test Date - *March 9, 2010*
Make-Up Date – *March 23, 2010*
- ACT customer service will be available extended hours to answer questions during the test administration

Step 6: Materials Returned

- ACT will arrange for prepaid pick-up of test materials following the assessment. Schools do not need to arrange for shipping.

Reporting

- Student Score Report
- High School Profile Report
- College Readiness Standards Report
- District High School Profile Report
- District College Readiness
- District Student Data File

2011 Test Administration

Test Date - *March 20, 2011*

Make-Up Date – *April 3, 2011*



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