

2017-2018 Jackson County High School Assessment Calendar

Assessment	Testing Dates and Times	Purpose	Results
Universal Fall Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	August 21, 2017 About 40 minutes total time	The purpose of the state-mandated universal screening is to provide a data snapshot of a student's current performance at three points during the school year and, in some cases, progress throughout the school year, in a variety of academic areas	Screening results are not typically distributed outside the school due to their formative nature, but parents can request the information from the school as needed. Results are not used for grades.
Optional Additional Universal Fall Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	October 2017 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description. The optional screening provides additional information for students and is administered at the school's discretion.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
High School 9 week exams (Midterm for ½ year courses)	October 9-12, 2017	The 9 Week Exam measures student mastery of standards through the midpoint of each semester/course.	9 weeks exams are counted as test scores in year long courses and 25% of the overall grade for the grading period in semester long courses.
ACT Senior Retake Opportunity	October 17, 2017	Seniors who took the ACT as juniors and want to improve the score or have never taken the ACT can take it at school free.	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades

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PSAT / NMSQT Grades 9-11	Oct 11, 2017 165 minutes total time	The optional PSAT is the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and provides a national benchmark for student achievement. Click here for College Board's PSAT site.	Scores become available online through College Board in January. Paper reports are delivered to the schools for distribution soon after. Results are not used for grades.
Fall Semester Exams (Midterms) Grades 9-12 (course specific)	Dec 13-18, 2017 district semester exam window Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time	All district-mandated semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school's specific semester exam schedule.	Scores for these assessments are available on Skyward. Results are used as 25% of the grading period for the high school.
Universal Winter Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	December 4, 2017 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
ACCESS for ELLs Grades K-12 (English learner students only)	March 5 – April 20, 2018 State test administration Tests are untimed, but typically about 180 minutes total time	The state-mandated ACCESS for ELLs assessment measures English language proficiency levels and is used as one criterion to determine when ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms. Click here for more information.	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the schools for distribution in August. Results are not used for grades.
High School 9 weeks exams (Midterm for ½ year classes)	March 2-7, 2018	9 weeks exams/midterms measure student mastery of standards through the midpoint of the grading period.	9 weeks exams count as test scores in year long courses and 25% of the overall grade for the grading period in semester long courses.
TCAP Alternate Assessments (MSAA & Alt-PA) Grades 3-11	March 19 – May 11, 2018	These state-mandated alternate assessments are for	Scores and other information from this assessment are delivered to the

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(select special education students only)	Tests are untimed, total time varies based on individual student needs	students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom participation in the regular state assessment is inappropriate, even with the use of extensive accommodations.	schools for distribution. Results are not used for grades
Citizenship Assessment (Skyward) Grades 9-12	March 19 – May 18, 2018 About 30 minutes total time	Participating in the state-mandated Citizenship Assessment is a graduation requirement for students in 2017 and bey. It is administered to all students until the requirement is met.	Results are maintained in Skyward to document participation for graduation. The use of scores for grades is a building-level decision.
ACT Grade 11	March 20-29, 2018 state test- administration 175 minutes total time	ACT is an achievement test that assesses students' academic readiness for college. While this is a state-mandated administration, participating on the ACT is a JCS graduation requirement. Click here for the ACT site	Like all ACT test administrations, scores are typically available online through ACT 2-4 weeks after testing. Other reporting is released soon after. Results are not used for grades
Universal Spring Screening (AimsWeb) Grades K-10	April 24 – May 19, 2018 About 40 minutes total time	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of this assessment.	See Universal Fall Screening (in August) for a description of how results from this assessment are made available.
TCAP Summative Assessments for High School (TNReady & EOC) Grades 9-11	April 16-May 4, 2018 State Exam The writing component of English & US History Exams are administered the first week. Integrated Math I,II, III, US History, Biology, Chemistry, and English I,II,III are tested.	The state-mandated TCAP Summative Assessments are operational in all areas. Whether the format of these tests will be paper/pencil or online has not yet been determined. Click here for the state's TCAP site.	Quick scores used for grades will be available before the end of the semester. Full reporting will be made available in the summer of 2017. Scores are used as 25% of the spring semester final average.

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<p>Spring Semester Exams (Finals) Grades 9-12 (course specific)</p>	<p>May 4-8, 2018 (seniors only) May 11-16, 2018 (all others) district semester exam schedule Time varies by exam, typically between 45-120 minutes total time</p>	<p>All district-mandated semester exams are teacher-constructed assessments and administered according to the school's specific semester exam schedule.</p>	<p>Scores for these assessments are available on Skyward. Results are used as 25% of the grade in high school courses.</p>
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