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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education
FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education
RE: 2012-13, 2013-14, and 2014-15 Testing Dates

The dates for the statewide testing program are being provided for your convenience in scheduling 2012-13 testing dates and in building 2013-14 and 2014-15 school calendars. Please note the following changes and reminders.

1. Testing dates for the *Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test⁺* (ARMT⁺), *Alabama Alternate Assessment* (AAA), and *ACCESS for ELLs* have been changed to later administration dates.
2. ACT's *College and Career Ready Assessment System* will continue to be phased in with the eighth-grade cohort of 2010-11. *PLAN* will be administered to all tenth graders in 2012-13, and *ACT* with writing will be administered to all eleventh graders in 2013-14.
3. A new assessment, *Alternate ACCESS for ELLs*, will be administered beginning in the 2012-13 school year. It will involve a very, very small number of students. A separate email has been sent to system test coordinators with information concerning this new assessment.
4. Beginning with the 2012-13 school year, ACT's QualityCore end-of-course assessments will be added to the assessment program. A total of 12 end-of-course assessments will be phased in over the next three years. (See attached testing dates for the phase-in schedule over the next three years.)

We ask that you consider these dates in building your school calendars. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Susan Beard, Student Assessment, at (334) 242-8038.

TRB/GT

Attachments

cc: City and County System Test Coordinators

FY12-2094

2012 - 2013 TESTING DATES

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TESTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DAYS NEEDED FOR TESTING</u>
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	July 9 – 13, 2012	5 days
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	September 17 – 21, 2012	5 days
<i>EXPLORE</i>	October 17 – 24, 2012	1 day
<i>PLAN</i>	October 17 – 24, 2012	1 day
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	December 3 – 7, 2012	5 days
End-of-course tests*	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology		
English 10 Geometry		
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	March 18 – 22, 2013	5 days
<i>ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 25 – May 3, 2013	2–3 days
<i>Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 25 – May 3, 2013	2–3 days
<i>Alabama Alternate Assessment (AAA)</i>	April 15 – May 3, 2013	1 day
<i>Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test⁺ (ARMT⁺)</i>	May 6 – 14, 2013	3–5 days
End-of-course tests	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology		
English 10 Geometry		

* Mid-year end-of-course test dates are provided for schools on the block system.

Bold type indicates change from July 22, 2011, memorandum.

2013 - 2014 TESTING DATES

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TESTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DAYS NEEDED FOR TESTING</u>
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	July 8 – 12, 2013	5 days
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	September 16 – 20, 2013	5 days
<i>EXPLORE</i>	October 16 – 23, 2013	1 day
<i>PLAN</i>	October 16 – 23, 2013	1 day
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	December 2 – 6, 2013	5 days
End-of-course tests*	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology U.S. History		
English 10 Geometry Chemistry		
English 11 Algebra II		
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)</i>	March 17 – 21, 2014	5 days
<i>ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 24 – May 2, 2014	2–3 days
<i>Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 24 – May 2, 2014	2–3 days
<i>Alabama Alternate Assessment (AAA)</i>	April 14 – May 2, 2014	1 day
<i>ACT Plus Writing</i>	April 22, 2014	1 day
Assessment to replace ARMT*	May 5 – 13, 2014	3–5 days
End-of-course tests	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology U.S. History		
English 10 Geometry Chemistry		
English 11 Algebra II		

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2014 – 2015 TESTING DATES

<u>TEST</u>	<u>TESTING PERIOD</u>	<u>DAYS NEEDED FOR TESTING</u>
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)**</i>	July 7 – 11, 2014	5 days
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)**</i>	September 15 – 19, 2014	5 days
<i>EXPLORE</i>	October 15 – 22, 2014	1 day
<i>PLAN</i>	October 15 – 22, 2014	1 day
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)**</i>	December 1 – 5, 2014	5 days
End-of-course tests*	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology U.S. History		
English 10 Geometry Chemistry		
English 11 Algebra II Physics		
English 12 Pre-Calculus		
<i>WorkKeys</i>	February 18 – 25, 2015	1 day
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)**</i>	March 16 – 20, 2015	5 days
<i>ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 23 – May 1, 2015	2–3 days
<i>Alternate ACCESS for ELLs</i>	March 23 – May 1, 2015	2–3 days
<i>Alabama Alternate Assessment (AAA)</i>	April 13 – May 1, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT Plus Writing</i>	April 21, 2015	1 day
Assessment to replace ARMT [†]	May 4 – 12, 2015	3–5 days
End-of-course tests	To be announced	1 day each
English 9 Algebra I Biology U.S. History		
English 10 Geometry Chemistry		
English 11 Algebra II Physics		
English 12 Pre-Calculus		

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**To be administered to exited students and those still enrolled who have AHSGE as a diploma requirement.