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MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice *TRB*
State Superintendent of Education

RE: Revision to The ACT 2013-14 Testing Program

The testing program and dates for statewide testing were provided in a memorandum dated July 12, 2013. At that time, the writing component of The ACT was deleted from the assessment program due to budgetary constraints. We heard from many of you that this was of great concern especially for those students who will be attending a college that requires a writing score. I am pleased to announce that we have been able to add writing back to The ACT administration for spring 2014.

Attached are the revised 2013-2014 Testing Dates and Timeline for Implementation. 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

FY13-2083

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>ACT Explore</i>	October 16 – 23, 2013	1 day
<i>ACT 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 (block schedule) Algebra I English 10	Within last 4 weeks of term	1 day each
<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>The ACT Plus Writing</i>	April 23, 2014	1 day
<i>The ACT Plus Writing Makeup</i>	May 7, 2014	1 day
<i>ACT Aspire</i>	April 28 – May 23, 2014	2 days
<i>Alabama Science Assessment (ASA)</i>	April 28 – May 23, 2014	1 day
End-of-Course Tests Algebra I English 10	Within last 4 weeks of term	1 day each

Alabama College- and Career-Ready Assessment System Timeline for Implementation

School Year	Grades K-2	Grades 3-8	Grades 8-12	
			ACT Quality Core End-of-Course Assessments	College- and Career- Ready Assessments
2012-13	Formative/Interim/ Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	ARMT ⁺ (Grades 3-8)	English 9 English 10 Algebra I Geometry (AHSGE Grades 11-12)	ACT Explore (Grade 8) ACT Plan (Grade 10)
2013-14	Formative/Interim/ Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	ACT Aspire (Grades 3-8) Reading and Math Alabama Science Assessment formerly part of ARMT ⁺ (Grades 5 and 7)	English 10 Algebra I (AHSGE Grade 12)	ACT Explore (Grade 8) ACT Plan (Grade 10) The ACT Plus Writing (Grade 11)
2014-15	Formative/Interim/ Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	ACT Aspire (Grades 3-8) Reading and Math Alabama Science Assessment formerly part of ARMT ⁺ (Grades 5 and 7)	English 10 Algebra I Others To Be Determined	ACT Explore (Grade 8) ACT Plan (Grade 10) The ACT Plus Writing (Grade 11) ACT WorkKeys (Grade 12)
2015-16	Formative/Interim/ Benchmark Assessments (LEA Determined)	ACT Aspire (Grades 3-8) Reading and Math ACT Aspire (Grades 5 and 7) Science	English 10 Algebra I Others To Be Determined	ACT Aspire (Grade 10) The ACT Plus Writing (Grade 11) ACT WorkKeys (Grade 12)

NOTES: Revised alternate assessments to be administered in Grades 3-12 in English language arts and mathematics in 2014-15 and in science in 2015-16. State-provided formative/interim/benchmark assessments aligned to college- and career-ready standards are available for Grades K-12 at no cost to LEAs. ACCESS for ELLs will be administered in Grades K-12 and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs will be administered in Grades 1-12.