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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** City and County Superintendents of Education

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

**RE:** Revisions to 2014-2015 Testing Dates

Dates for the statewide testing program were provided in a memorandum dated January 22, 2013, for your convenience in scheduling 2014-2015 testing dates and in building 2014-2015 school calendars. Please note the following changes and reminders to those announced dates:

1. All *ACT QualityCore* end-of-course assessments except English 10 and Algebra 1 were removed from the 2014-2015 test dates.
2. The *ACT WorkKeys* assessment window has been adjusted to make testing more accessible. One day has been designated for all students testing with paper/pencil format in a standard setting; one day has been designated for paper/pencil make-up testing; a two-week window has been set for accommodated testing; and a two-month window will be available for the *ACT WorkKeys Internet Version*.
3. A two-week window for the *ACT Plus Writing* is included for those students that receive approval by ACT for accommodated testing.
4. The July 2015 AHSGE test date and notations pertaining to the administration of the AHSGE have been added.

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

TRB/RWM/SWB

Attachment

cc: City and County System Test Coordinators

FY14-2032

## 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>ACT Explore</i>	October 15 – 22, 2014	1 day
<i>ACT Plan</i>	October 15 – 22, 2014	1 day
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)*</i>	December 1 – 5, 2014	5 days
<i>ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments (block schedule)**</i>	Within last 4 weeks of term	1-2 days
<i>ACT WorkKeys Internet Version</i>	January 1 – February 27, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT WorkKeys Paper/Pencil Test</i>	February 10, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT WorkKeys Paper/Pencil with Accommodations</i>	February 10 – 24, 2015	***
<i>ACT WorkKeys Paper/Pencil Make-Up Test</i>	February 24, 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>ACT Aspire</i>	April 6 – May 15, 2015	1-5 days
<i>Alabama Science Assessment (ASA)</i>	April 6 – May 15, 2015	1 day
<i>Alabama Alternate Assessment (AAA)</i>	April 13 – May 1, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT Plus Writing</i>	April 28, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT Plus Writing with Accommodations</i>	April 28 – May 12, 2015	***
<i>ACT Plus Writing Makeup</i>	May 12, 2015	1 day
<i>ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments**</i>	Within last 4 weeks of term	1-2 days
<i>Alabama High School Graduation Exam (AHSGE)*</i>	July 6 – 10, 2015	5 days

\*Since the AHSGE will be administered only to exited students and those still enrolled who have the AHSGE as a diploma requirement, systems may choose to consolidate test sites. (The AHSGE is required for students who entered ninth grade for the first time in 2009-2010 or earlier.)

\*\*The required *QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments* for 2014-2015 are English 10 and Algebra 1.

\*\*\*The number of days allowed for accommodations on the *ACT Plus Writing* with accommodations is determined by ACT based on each student's IEP; the number of days allowed for *ACT WorkKeys* with accommodations is determined by the IEP team.