

High School Exit Exam Information

State	Test Name	Subjects Tested	Initial Grade Tested	Test Type
Alabama	Alabama High School Graduation Exam, 3rd Edition	Reading, Language, Mathematics, Science. Writing is not tested on the Graduation Exam; however, there is a writing assessment administered in grades 5, 7, and 10.	11th	Standards-Based
Alaska	Alaska High School Graduation Qualifying Exam	Reading, Writing, and Mathematics	10th	Minimum Competency
Arizona	Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards	Reading, Writing, and Mathematics	10th	Standards-Based
California	California High School Exit Exam	English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The language arts portion of the test includes a writing portion, designed to assess the student's strategies, applications, and conventions.	10th	Standards-Based
Florida	Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test	Reading and Mathematics. Writing is included in the exam.	10th	Standards-Based
Georgia	Georgia High School Graduation Tests	English/Language Arts, Writing, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. There is a separate writing exam where students write an essay on an assigned topic. They are scored for content, style, conventions, and sentence formation.	11th	Standards-Based
Indiana	Graduation Qualifying Exam	English/Language Arts and Mathematics. The language arts portion contains both reading and writing content.	10th	Standards-Based
Louisiana	Graduation Exit Examination for the 21st Century	English/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The English/Language Arts portion contains writing in short-answer, constructive response, multiple-choice, and essay forms, as well as reading passages.	10th and 11th	Standards-Based
Maryland	Maryland High School Assessments	English I, Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology, and Government. There are no writing portions on the tests in place. Writing is tested where required, along with reading.	Varies	End-of-course
Massachusetts	Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System	English/Language Arts and Math. There is a composition component on the MCAS.	10th	Standards-Based
Minnesota	Basic Skills Test	Reading, Writing, and Mathematics	8th and 10th	Minimum Competency
Mississippi	Mississippi Subject Area Testing Program	English II (with writing component), Algebra Biology and U.S. History from 1877. The English II component measures knowledge of language conventions, reading comprehension, and effective writing skills.	Varies	End-of-course
Nevada	Nevada High School Proficiency Examination	Math, Reading, Writing Prompts, and Science	10th	Standards-Based
New Jersey	High School Proficiency Assessment	Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. The NJ High School Proficiency Assessment includes writing, with picture prompts, persuasive prompts, and open-ended questions.	11th	Standards-Based

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New Mexico	New Mexico High School Competency Examination	Reading, Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Composition. The current exit exam contains a writing test; however, it is being phased out, and its replacement does not.	10th	Minimum Competency
New York	Regents Comprehensive Examinations	English, Mathematics, Global History and Geography, U.S. History and Government, and Science. The Regents Exams contains writing in the form of responses to questions, speeches, and literary analysis.	Varies	End-of-course
North Carolina	North Carolina High School Competency Test	Reading Comprehension, Mathematics, and Computer Skills. North Carolina has a separate writing assessment; "The North Carolina Writing Assessment", which is administered in grades 4, 7, and 10.	9th	Standards-Based
Ohio	Ohio Graduation Tests	Reading and Mathematics. Ohio is in the process of phasing out their old tests and bringing new tests that will feature comprehensive subject examinations. The Reading portion of the exam is strictly reading, though, and contains no writing assessment.	10th	Standards-Based
South Carolina	Basic Skills Assessment Program Exit Exam	Mathematics, Reading, Writing	10th	Minimum Competency
Tennessee	Gateway Examinations	Mathematics, Science, and Language. Tennessee administers a separate writing exam, but it is not a diploma requirement.	Varies	Standards-Based
Texas	Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills	Math, English/Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. The TAKS includes writing in its English/Language Arts tests, with a written composition portion scored for effectiveness, conventions, focus, coherence, organization, depth of development, and voice. The reading portion also consists of short, content-based writing answers.	11th	Standards-Based
Utah	Utah Basic Skills Competency Test	Reading, Writing, and Mathematics	10th	Minimum Competency
Virginia	Standards of Learning End of Course Exams	English: Writing, English: Reading Literature and Research, Math, History/Social Studies, and/or Science	Varies	End-of-course
Washington	Washington Assessment of Student Learning	Mathematics, English/Language Arts. Washington currently administers a writing exam separately from their exit examination, although there are scheduled changes in 2008.	10th	Standards-Based