

TCAP Secondary Assessments

The Secondary TCAP Assessments will include tests in the following subject areas:

Gateway	End of Course
Mathematics (Algebra I)	Math Foundations II
Language Arts (English II)	English I
Science (Biology I)	US History
	Physical Science

Gateway Testing and End of Course Testing

The Tennessee State Board of Education stipulated that beginning with students entering the 9th grade in 2001-2002, students must successfully pass examinations in three subject areas - **Mathematics, Science, and Language Arts - in order to earn a high school diploma.** These examinations, called **Gateway Tests**, were intended to raise the academic bar for all high school students and add accountability for students' academic performance. In the 2001-2002 school year, the Department of Education began to administer the **Gateway Tests** three times annually to accommodate students completing work in the fall, spring, and summer semesters. Tests will not be given other than at times specified by the State of Tennessee.

The three Gateway tests – Algebra I, Biology I, and Language Arts 10th grade – are required for graduation from a Tennessee high school.

The four End of Course tests – Math Foundations II, English I, US History, and Physical Science - are not required for graduation but do serve as final exams for their respective classes.

The *High School Examinations Policy* states "Local boards of education will determine how to use the results of end of course exams in accordance with guidelines to be developed by the State Board of Education." The State Board Policy as of September 20, 2001 is:

Under the section titled "Elements of the Program," element 1.d to read as follows:

d. Results of individual student performance from all administered end of course tests including the three gateway examinations.shall count **not less than fifteen percent** of the student's grade in the semester in which the test was administered.

Fall 2007-2008 Testing Schedule

End of Course Tests

Test	Date
Foundations II	Dec. 4
English I	Dec. 5
US History	Dec. 6
Physical Science	Dec. 6

Gateway Tests

Test	Date
Algebra I	Dec. 4
English II	Dec. 5
Biology I	Dec. 6

Makeups will be given thru the week only after the initial test date

Gateway and EOC Proficiency Levels for fall 2007

	Mathematics (Algebra I)	Science (Bio I)	Language Arts (Eng II)			
Gateway						
Advanced	42	37	39			
Proficient	30	21	25			
	Math Foundations II	English I	U. S. History	Physical Science		
End of Course						
Advanced	40	39	39	30		
Proficient	28	23	21	17		

Spring 2007-2008 Testing Schedule

End of Course tests

Test	Date
Foundations II	May 6
English I	May 7
US History	May 8
Physical Science	May 8

Gateway tests

Test	Date
Algebra I	May 6
English II	May 7
Biology I	May 8

Makeups will be given thru the week only after the initial test date.

Summer 2008 Testing Schedule

Gateway tests

Tests will be given July 14-16