

TEST DESCRIPTIONS

Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills (Terra Nova)

The CTBS/Terra Nova is a norm-referenced standardized student achievement test. The test measures student achievement in comparison to students nation-wide. The results are used primarily for district-wide program evaluation, but can be used by teachers and parents to determine strengths and weaknesses. The test is administered at grades 2, 4, and 6.

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT)

This test is a preparation exam provided for juniors who anticipate taking the SAT as seniors. It is also the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship program.

American College Test (ACT)

The ACT is the college entrance exam required by all Kansas universities and most other midwestern institutions. Starting with the Class of 2001, an ACT score of 21 will be one of the ways to qualify for admission to any Kansas Regents institution. The test covers math, English, reading and science reasoning. The test is taken during the junior or senior year.

ACT Explore

The ACT Explore is an 8th grade program that helps develop an appropriate four-year plan for every student with 4 tests of academic achievement, an interest inventory, a needs assessment, a study skills component, and a course work planner. This is mandatory for all 8th grade students.

ACT Plan

The ACT PLAN is a tenth grade Pre-ACT assessment. The test covers the same content areas as the ACT. The PLAN assists students in becoming familiar with the ACT format and provides information about possible course taking for the junior and senior year. This test would be available to any interested 10th grade student.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The SAT is a college entrance exam used by eastern, western and southern universities. The test is administered to juniors or seniors. The test has english and math sections.

Kansas State Assessments

The purpose of the Kansas assessments is to measure student's levels of competence in reading, math, writing, science and social studies.