

The History of Assessments in Wisconsin

	1975-84	1984-87	1987-89	1989-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Vendor	CTB WCER					Harcourt			CTB/McGraw Hill											
Test	Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) and Objective References Tests		Wisconsin Achievement Test	Wisconsin Concepts and Knowledge Examinations (WKCE) & Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities (WAA-SwD)																
	3rd Grade Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (WRCT)																			
Test	Wisconsin Pupil Assessment				ACT was pilot for WKCE	WKCE Commercial "test shelf" SAT-8 Series		WKCE TerraNova series		WI began to supplement the Terra Nova assessments in Reading, Mathematics, and Science with WI-customized items following the adoption of the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards			WI added more items in grades 4 and 8 following a second alignment study between state content standards and the WKCE			WKCE Reading and Mathematics Assessments in grades 3-8 became completely Wisconsin-customized (no TerraNova items). This WKCE reading test replaced the WRCT.				
Grade Levels	4, 5, 8, 11, 12				Grades 8 & 10	Grades 8 & 10 Voluntary Participation		Grades 8 & 10 Required		Grade 4 Voluntary Participation, 8 & 10 Required		Grades 4, 8 & 10 Required								
	4, 8, 11		Grades 3-8, & 10 Required																	
Requirements/Policy	Participation in the CTBS Voluntary. Districts could develop their own examination with DPI approval					WI Legislature requires districts to administer "Knowledge and Concepts" Examinations. The earliest versions of the WKCE were commercial "shelf tests".		WI Legislature requires districts to administer "Knowledge and Concepts" Examinations in the 8th and 10th grades.		WI Legislature adds requirement for districts to administer "Knowledge and Concepts" Examinations in the 4th grade.				NCLB		Content specifications for the WKCE Wisconsin Assessment Frameworks extended the Model Academic Standards in Reading, Mathematics, and Science from grades 4, 8, and 10 to each of the assessed grades (3-8, and 10).				