

The History of Assessments in Wisconsin

	1973-84	1985-97	1998-09	2010-13	2014-15	2016-17	2018-19	2020-21	2022-23	2024-25		
Vendor	CTB			Harcourt			ETS			DRC		
	WCEB			DLM			ACT			Aspire		
Assessment	Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) and Objective References Tests			WJCE Commercial "test shelf" SAT 7 Series			WJCE TerraNova series			Wisconsin Concepts and Knowledge Examinations (WCKE) & Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities (WAA-SwD) in ELA, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies		
	Wisconsin Pupil Assessment in Reading, Mathematics, Writing, Science, and Social Studies			Wisconsin Achievement Test			3rd Grade Wisconsin Reading Comprehension Test (WRCT)			WJCE in Science and Social Studies		
							Badger Exam in English Language Arts and Mathematics			Forward Exam in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies		
							Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) for students with disabilities in English Language Arts and Mathematics			Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) for students with disabilities in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies		
							ACT in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing or ACT WorkKeys in Locating Information, Reading for Information, and Applied Mathematics			ACT in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing		
							ACT Aspire in English, Mathematics, Reading, Science, and Writing			PheACT Secure Online English, Mathematics, Reading, and Science		
Grade Levels	4, 5, 8, 11, 12			8, 10 Voluntary Participation			8, 10			4 Voluntary Participation, 8, 10		
	4, 8, 11			3			Grades 4, 8 & 10			3, 8, 10		
										4, 8, 10		
										3-8, 10		
Reporting/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 WJCE 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 WJCE Wisconsin Assessment Frameworks extends 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).			Under 2011 Wisconsin Act 166, beginning in the 2012-13 school year, each school board and independent charter school must assess 5-year-old kindergarten students for reading readiness.		
Grade Levels				4:25-7 hours			3.5-6.5 hours			1.5-2 hours		
										3.5-4 hours		
										7 hours		
										7 hours		
									3.75 hours 2.5 hours			
									4.15 hours			
									3.75 hours 2.5 hours			
									2.5 hours			
									dependent on screener selected by district			