National Norm Referenced Tests

ACT, ACT Compass and SAT (College Entrance Exams)/High School

ACT

- America’s Most Widely Accepted College Entrance Exam
- The ACT® test assesses high school students’ general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work.
- The multiple-choice tests cover four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science.
- The Writing Test, which is optional, measures skill in planning and writing a short essay.

ACT Compass

- ACT Compass is an untimed, computerized test that helps your college evaluate your skills and place you into appropriate courses. Compass offers tests in reading, writing, math, writing essay, and English as a Second Language (ESL).

SAT

- The SAT is a globally recognized college admission test that lets you show colleges what you know and how well a student can apply that knowledge. It tests a student’s knowledge of reading, writing and math.

SAT 10 (Academic Achievement Test/Grades 3 and 5)

Stanford 10 provides reliable data to help measure student progress toward content standards and high expectations. This multiple-choice assessment helps to identify student strengths and needs, leading to effective placement and instructional planning. Tests include: Reading, Math, Language, Spelling, Listening Comprehension, Science, and Social Science

Features and Benefits

- Content is aligned to state and national standards.
- 2007 norms allow you to compare student performance with that of a representative sample of students across the country with current information (2002 norms also available).
- Identification of student strengths and needs supports effective placement and instructional planning.
- An Achievement/Ability Comparison can be made when Stanford 10 is administered with OLSAT® 8.
• Test design reflects curricula and best instructional practices.
• All questions are unique across forms and levels.
• Each item is designed to measure up to four achievement parameters: content cluster, process cluster, cognitive levels, and instructional standards.
• Test questions assess all core content areas.
• Full-color, consistently formatted testing materials help motivate students to answer all questions.
• Unique, easy-to-navigate answer documents provide a clear road map for students to mark their answers.
• Untimed testing gives all students the opportunity to show what they know.
• Braille and large-print versions are available for special accommodations.

Otis Lennon (Ability Measure)/Grades 3 and 5

OLSAT 8 measures cognitive abilities that relate to a student’s academic success in school. By assessing a student’s verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative ability, OLSAT 8 supplies educators with valuable information to enhance the insights gained from traditional achievement tests.

Features and Benefits
• Content clusters and item types include verbal, nonverbal, and quantitative.
• Obtain student’s Achievement/Ability Comparison (AAC) score when administered with the Stanford Achievement Test Series, Tenth Edition (Stanford 10).
• Specialized statistical procedures and comprehensive review of all test items by minority-group educators help minimize ethnic, gender, cultural, and regional bias.
• Evaluates a student’s performance on a variety of tasks, including detecting likenesses and differences, recalling words and numbers, defining words, following directions, classifying, establishing sequence, solving arithmetic problems, and completing analogies.

NWEA MAP Testing (Academic Achievement Test)/Grades 7 and 8

Westside Community Schools has partnered with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) and implemented an assessment that promotes student learning, motivation, program evaluation and accountability. NWEA's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) are computer delivered, adaptive tests that measure each student’s instructional level in Reading and Mathematics and Science. The Mission of NWEA is to help all kids learn.