



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools

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SUBJECT: Connecticut Summative Assessment Calendar for 2020-21 and Connecticut SAT School Day Digital Transition

In order to support local planning efforts, the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) is making this early announcement of the State Summative Assessment Calendar for Connecticut public schools for the 2020-21 school year.

2020-21 State Summative Assessment Calendar			
Content Area(s)	Assessment	Grade(s)	Testing Window
English Language Proficiency: <i>Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing</i>	LAS Links	K–12	January 4–March 5, 2021
English Language Arts (ELA) & Mathematics	Connecticut Smarter Balanced	3–8	March 29–June 4, 2021
	Connecticut SAT School Day	11	Primary Test Dates: March 24 or April 13, 2021 Makeup Dates: April 27 and 28, 2021
	Connecticut Alternate Assessment (CTAA)	3–8 and 11	March 29–June 4, 2021
Science	Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Assessment	5, 8, and 11	February 1–June 4, 2021 (Grade 11) March 29–June 4, 2021 (Grades 5 and 8)
	Connecticut Alternate Science Assessment (CTAS)	5, 8 and 11	March 29–June 4, 2021 (Grades 5, 8, and 11)
Physical Fitness	Connecticut Physical Fitness Assessment	4, 6, 8, and high school	Anytime during the school year
Language skills, Literacy skills, Numeracy skills, Physical/Motor skills, Creative/Aesthetic skills and Personal/Social skills	Kindergarten Entrance Inventory	Kindergarten	Snapshot Date: 10/15/2020 Submission Due Date: 12/09/2020

Once again, for the Connecticut SAT School Day, schools must choose from one of two primary testing dates in 2020-21. In fall 2020, a survey will be sent to each high school requiring schools to choose one date as their primary test date. Once schools select their primary date, no changes will be permitted. All schools will then use April 27 and 28, 2021, as the make-up test dates.

In school year 2021-22, the administration of the Connecticut SAT School Day will move from a paper and pencil test to a digital administration. In preparation for this change, please note the following important implementation and administration details:

- All tests will be delivered using the Cambium Learning (formerly American Institutes for Research) test delivery system and supporting tools. Schools will be required to install the College Board Secure Browser in order to deliver the assessment.
- All students in a school will be required to test digitally except for a small number of students who are approved for a paper-pencil accommodation.
- Specific testing windows for 2021-22 will be announced in 2021. Schools will have a three-day window as their “primary” date. Make-up dates will also be available.
- All students must complete all sections of the test in one day unless a student has been approved for accommodations that extend testing time beyond one day.

More specific details regarding the digital transition will be made available as the 2021-22 administration approaches.

Please direct any questions regarding this assessment calendar or the digital transition to the Performance Office at 860-713-6860 or CTStudentAssessment@ct.gov.

Thank you.

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