

**Table 156.—State assessment programs in language arts, reading, and writing: 1997–98**

State	Assessment	Grades			Type of test <sup>1</sup>	Nontraditional exercises <sup>2</sup>	Performance levels <sup>3</sup>
		Language arts	Reading	Writing			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Alabama .....	Stanford Achievement Test 9th Ed. Writing Assessment	3–11	3–11	5,7	NRT CRT	Ext. Resp., Perf.	3 levels 4 levels pass/fail
Alaska .....	HS Exit Exam (Language) HS Exit Exam (Reading) CAT-5 Writing Assessment	11,12 4,8,11	11,12 4,8,11	5,7,10	CRT CRT NRT	Ext. Resp.	3 levels
Arizona .....	Stanford Achievement Test 9th Ed.	3–12	3–12	11	NRT CRT	EMC., Ext. Resp.	no 4 levels
Arkansas .....	Criterion Referenced Test			11	NRT		
California .....	Stanford Achievement Test, 8th Ed. Golden State Exams Golden State Exams	5,7,10	5,7,10	Comp 10–12	CRT CRT NRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Colorado .....	Standardized Testing and Reporting Colorado Student Assessment Program	2–11	2–11 3,4	4	NRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Connecticut .....	CT Mastery Test CT Academic Performance Test	10	4,6,8	4,6,8	CRT CRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Delaware .....	DE Student Testing Program Writing and Reading-Standards Based DE Student Testing Program Reading		3,5,8,10 3,5,8,10	3,5,8,10	CRT NRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp., Grid.	no
District of Columbia .....	( <sup>4</sup> )						
Florida .....	FL Writing Assessment Program			4,8,10		Ext. Resp.	no
Georgia .....	GA High School Graduation Test ITBS	11 3,5,8		11,12 3,5,8,11	CRT NRT NRT	Ext. Resp.	pass/fail 5 levels
Hawaii .....	Writing Assessment Stanford Achievement Test 8th Edition Hawaii State Test of Essential Competencies	3,6,8,10	3,6,8 10–12	10–12	NRT NRT CRT	Ext. Resp.	pass/fail
Idaho .....	Direct Writing Assessment ITBS & TAP	3–11	3–11	4,8,11	NRT	Ext. Resp., Perf.	5 levels
Illinois .....	IL Goal Assessment Program		3,6,8,10	3,6,8,10	NRT/CRT	Ext. Resp.	3 levels
Indiana .....	ISTEP+	3,6,8,10			NRT/CRT	Ext. Resp.	2 levels
Iowa .....	ITBS and ITED (Local Tests)		4,8,11				3 levels
Kansas .....	KS Assessment Program		3,7,10	5,8,10	CRT	Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Kentucky .....	KIRIS On Demand Natl. Reference Examination Writing Portfolio Assessment		4,7,11 3,6,9	4,7,11 4,7,11,12	CRT NRT	EMC, Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Louisiana .....	LEAP Norm-Referenced Test LA Graduation Exit Examination	3,5,7 4,6,8,9–11 10	4,6,8,9–11	10	CRT NRT CRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	pass/fail
Maine .....	Maine Educational Assessment		4,8,11	4,8,11	CRT		4 levels
Maryland .....	MD School Perf. Assessment Program	3,5,8	3,5,8	3,5,8	CRT	Perf.	5 levels
Massachusetts .....	MD Functional Testing Program MA Comprehensive Assessment System Massachusetts Grade 3 Reading Test/ITBS	4,8,10	6–12 3	6–12	CRT CRT NRT	EMC, Sh. Ans.,	pass/fail 4 levels
Michigan .....	MI Educational Assessment Program MI High School Proficiency Tests		4,7 11	5,8 11	CRT	Ext. Resp.	3 levels 4 levels
Minnesota .....	Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments		3,5	5		EMC, Sh. Ans., Port., Proj., Example	4 levels
Mississippi .....	ITBS Functional Literacy Examination	4–9	4–9 11	11	NRT CRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	pass/fail
Missouri .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Montana .....	Student Assessment Requirement	4,8,11	4,8,11		NRT		4 levels
Nebraska .....	( <sup>4</sup> )						
Nevada .....	Terra Nova Writing Proficiency Examination-Grade 8	4,8,10	4,8,10	8	NRT	Ext. Resp.	pass/fail 5 levels
New Hampshire .....	High School Proficiency Examination Program		11,12	11,12	NRT		adequate/ inadequate
New Jersey .....	NH Ed. Improvement and Assessment Program Grade 8 Early Warning Test Grade 11 High School Proficiency Test	3,6,10			CRT	Ext. Resp.	4 levels
New Mexico .....	New Mexico Achievement Assessment New Mexico High School Competency Exam Portfolio Writing Assessment Reading Assessment for Grades 1 and 2	4,6,8 10	4,6,8 10	8 11 4,6,8 1,2	CRT NRT NRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp., Proj. EMC, Sh. Ans.	3 levels pass/fail 4 levels 2 levels 3 levels pass/fail

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New York .....	Pupil Evaluation Program Tests Preliminary Competency Tests Regents Competency Tests Regents Examination Program Competency Testing		3,6 8,9 11	5 8,9 11	CRT CRT CRT	Ext. Resp.	no
North Carolina .....	NC Annual Testing Program Norm-Referenced Test	Eng. 11	3–8,10 3–9	3,7,10	NRT/CRT NRT/CRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	pass/fail 4 levels
North Dakota .....	Terra Nova CTBS-4	4,6,8,10	4,6,8,10		NRT	Ext. Resp.	4 levels pass/fail 3 levels pass/fail 2 levels
Ohio .....	4th-, 6th-, 9th-, and 12th-grade Proficiency		6,8–12	4,6,8–12	CRT	Ext. Resp.	
Oklahoma .....	Oklahoma Core Curriculum Tests ITBS	3,7	5,8,11 3,7	5,8,11	CRT NRT	Perf.	
Oregon .....	Reading, Writing, and Mathematics Assessment		3,5,8,10	3,5,8,10	CRT	EMC, Ext. Resp., Observ., Port.	3 levels
Pennsylvania .....	Reading and Writing Assessment MAT-7		5,8,11 4,8	6,9	NRT NRT/CRT	EMC, Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	no 4 levels 5 levels
Rhode Island .....	Writing Performance Assessment New Standards Reference Exams English LA	4,8		3,7,10	NRT	Ext. Resp.	
South Carolina .....	Basic Skills Assessment Program MAT-7	4,5,7,9,11	3,8,10 4,5,7,9,11	6,8,10	CRT NRT	EMC, Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	pass/fail
South Dakota .....	Stanford Achievement Test 9th Ed.	4,8,11	4,8,11		NRT		no
Tennessee .....	TCAP Achievement Test-NRT TCAP Competency Test TCAP Writing Assessment	3–8 9–12	3–8		NRT/CRT CRT CRT		3 levels pass/fail 5 levels
Texas .....	Assessment of Academic Skill & End-of-Course tests		3–8,10–12	4,7,11 4,8,10–12	CRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	no
Utah .....	Core Curriculum Testing (Perf. Assessment) Norm-Referenced Test	5,8,11	1–12 5,8,11	1–12	CRT NRT	Perf.	NAEP-like levels
Vermont .....	Vermont Developmental Reading Assessment Standards Referenced Exams (NSRE and VT Assmt.)	4,8,10	2		CRT	Port.	5 levels
Virginia .....	Literacy Passport Test (LPT) Standards of Learning Assessment Program	3,5,8,11	6–12 3,5,8,11	6–12	CRT NRT	Ext. Resp.	pass/fail 3 levels
Washington .....	CTBS-4 Second Grade Reading Washington Assessment of Student Learning	4,8,11	4,8 2 4,7	4,7	NRT		4 levels 2 levels
West Virginia .....	Stanford 9th Ed. Writing Assessment ACT Explore	K-11 8	K-11	8,10	NRT	EMC, Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp., Perf.	no
Wisconsin .....	WRCT at Grade 3 WSAS Knowledge & Concepts ( <sup>4</sup> )	4,8,10	3 4,8,10				4 levels
Department of Defense Schools .....	Terra Nova Multiple Assessment DoDEA Writing Assessment			3–11 5,8,10	NRT	Sh. Ans., Ext. Resp.	4 levels
Outlying areas Puerto Rico .....	Prueba Puertorriquena de Competencias Escolares	3,6,9,11					3 levels
Virgin Islands .....	Terra Nova CTBS		6–12	6–12	NRT		4 levels

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup> CRT = Criterion-referenced; NRT = Norm-referenced.

<sup>2</sup> EMC = Enhanced multiple choice; Sh. Ans. = Short Answer; Ext. Resp. = Extended Response; Port. = portfolio or learning record; Perf. = Individual performance assessment; Proj. = projects, exhibitions, or demonstrations; Grid. = Gridded Response; Observ. = Observation.

<sup>3</sup> State assessment results are reported according to levels of student performance set by the state.

<sup>4</sup> No state assessment.

SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), State Education Assessment Center, State Student Assessment Programs Database, 1997–98 school year. (This table was updated July 2000.)