

Table 154. States using minimum-competency testing, by grade levels assessed, and expected uses of standards: 1999–2000

State	Grade levels in which students are tested on at least one component	Expected uses								
		Student diagnosis or placement ¹	Improvement of instruction ¹	Program evaluation ¹	Student promotion ²	High school graduation ²	Student awards or recognition ³	Public school performance reporting ³	Accreditation ³	Other
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Alabama	K-11	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Alaska	3,4,6–8,10	X	X					X		
Arizona	2–11		X	X				X		
Arkansas	4,5,7,8,10	X	X	X						
California	2–12 ⁴		X	X	X		X	X		(5) (6)
Colorado	3–5,7,8		X	X						
Connecticut	4,6,8,10	X	X	X			X	X		
Delaware	3,5,8,10,11	X	X							
Florida	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Georgia	K,3–6,8,11,12	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Hawaii	3,5,8,10	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Idaho	3–11		X	X						
Illinois	3–8,10 ⁷		X	X	X			X		
Indiana	3,6,8,10	X	X	X		X	X		X	
Iowa	4,8,11							X		
Kansas	4,5,7,8,10,11	X	X	X				X	X	
Kentucky	3–12		X	X			X	X		
Louisiana	3–11	X	X	X	X		X	X		
Maine	4,8,11 ⁷		X	X						
Maryland	3,5,7–12	X	X	X		X	X	X		
Massachusetts	4,8,10	X	X	X			X	X		
Michigan	4,5,7,8,11	X	X	X				X	X	
Minnesota	3,5,8,10	X	X	X		X				
Mississippi	3–8,11,12	X	X	X		X				
Missouri	3,4,7,8,10,11 ^{4,7}	X	X				X	X	X	
Montana	4,8,11		X	X						
Nebraska ⁸	—									
Nevada	4,8,10–12	X	X	X		X	X	X		
New Hampshire	3,6,10		X	X				X		
New Jersey	4,8,11	X	X	X		X		X	X	(5) (9)
New Mexico	1–10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
New York	4,6,8–12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		(5) (6)
North Carolina	3–12	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
North Dakota	4,6,8,10	X	X	X	X	X		X		(6)
Ohio	4,6,8–12		X	X	X	X	X	X		(6)
Oklahoma	5,8,11	X	X	X				X		
Oregon	3,5,8,10		X	X				X		
Pennsylvania	5,8,11		X				X			
Rhode Island	3–5,7–10		X	X				X		
South Carolina	1,3–8,10–12 ⁷	X	X	X		X		X		
South Dakota	2,4,5,8,9,11	X	X	X						
Tennessee	3–12	X	X	X		X	X	X		(5)
Texas	3–12	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Utah	1–9,11 ⁴	X	X	X	X			X		
Vermont	2,4,8,10		X	X				X		
Virginia	3–6,8–12	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Washington	2–4,6,7,9–11 ⁴	X	X	X				X		
West Virginia	3–12 ⁷	X	X	X				X	X	(5) (9)
Wisconsin	3,4,8,10	X	X	X				X		
Wyoming	4,8–12 ⁷		X	X				X		
Outlying areas										
American Samoa	4,7,8,10,12	X	X	X						
Puerto Rico	K-12	X	X	X			X			(9)
Virgin Islands	3,5,6,8,11	X	X				X	X		

—Not available.

¹ Testing program is for instructional purposes.

² Testing program is for the purpose of student accountability.

³ Testing program is for school accountability.

⁴ Inclusion is voluntary for students, schools or school districts for one or more grades.

⁵ Endorsed diploma.

⁶ Honors diploma.

⁷ A sample of students is tested for one or more grades.

⁸ This state did not administer any statewide assessments for the 1999–2000 school year.

⁹ High school skills guarantee.

SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers, “Annual Survey of State Student Assessment Programs, Spring 2002.” (This table was prepared July 2002.)