

Table 158.—States using minimum-competency testing, by government level setting standards, grade levels assessed, and expected uses of standards: 1995–96

State	Grade levels assessed	Expected uses									
		Student diagnosis or placement ¹	Improvement of instruction ¹	Program evaluation ¹	Student diagnosis or placement ²	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	12
Alabama	3–12	X	X	X			X		X		
Alaska	4,8,11		X						X		
Arizona	4,7,10	X	X	X					X		
Arkansas	4,5,7,10,11	X	X	X					X		
California	9–12 ⁴	X			X						
Colorado ⁵											
Connecticut	4,6,8,10	X	X	X	X			X	X		
Delaware	3,5,8,10	X	X	X							
Florida	4,8,10,11		X	X			X				
Georgia	K,3,5,8,11,12	X	X	X			X		X		
Hawaii	3,6,8,10–12	X	X	X			X	X	X		
Idaho	3–11		X						X		
Illinois	3,4,6–8,10,11									X	
Indiana	3,6,10	X	X	X				X	X	X	
Iowa ⁵											
Kansas	3–5,7,8,10	X	X	X					X	X	
Kentucky	4,8,11,12		X	X				X			
Louisiana	K,3–7,10,11	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		
Maine	4,8,11		X	X	X						
Maryland	3,5,7–12	X	X	X			X		X	X	(6)
Massachusetts	4,8,10		X						X		
Michigan	4,5,7,8,11		X	X	X			X	X	X	(7)
Minnesota ⁵											
Mississippi	4–9,11	X	X	X					X	X	(6)
Missouri	3,5,6,8,10,11 ⁸		X	X					X	X	
Montana	4,8,11		X	X							
Nebraska ⁵											
Nevada	4,8,11,12	X	X	X			X		X		
New Hampshire	3,6,10		X	X							
New Jersey	8,11,12	X	X				X		X	X	
New Mexico	1–6,8,10–12	X	X	X			X		X		(6)
New York	3–6,8–12		X	X	X	X	X		X		(7,9)
North Carolina	3–10		X	X	X	X	X				
North Dakota	3,6,8,11	X	X	X	X						
Ohio	4,6,8–12		X	X			X	X	X		
Oklahoma	3,5–9,11,12	X	X	X					X	X	
Oregon	3,5,8,11		X	X					X		
Pennsylvania	5,6,8,9,11 ⁸	X	X						X		
Rhode Island	4,8,10		X	X					X		
South Carolina	3–11	X	X	X		X	X	X	X		(6)
South Dakota	4,8,11		X	X							
Tennessee	2–9,11	X	X	X			X		X		(7)
Texas	3–8,10–12	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	
Utah	1–12 ⁴	X	X	X	X				X		
Vermont	4,8,10 ⁴	X	X	X					X		
Virginia	4,6–12	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
Washington	4,8,11	X	X	X					X		
West Virginia	1–11		X							X	(6)
Wisconsin	3,4,8,10			X					X		
Wyoming	9–12 ⁸		X	X							

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 States did not administer any statewide assessments for the 1995–96 school year.

⁶ High school skills guarantee.

⁷ Endorsed diploma.

⁸ A sample of students is tested for one or more grades.

⁹ Honors diploma.

SOURCE: Council of Chief State School Officers, North Central Regional Educational Laboratory, "Annual Survey of State Student Assessment Programs, Fall 1996." (This table was prepared July 1997.)