



KANSAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET 2008- 2009



General Information

- Grades 4, 7, and two part high school with OTL
- High school students tested in both parts by the end of 11th grade year
- Annually tested
- Results used for QPA

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to tested indicators and item specifications:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163>
- Link to KSDE Science web page:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=144>
- Link to flip charts:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163>

Assessment Format

- Grades 4 and 7- two untimed sessions, approx.45-60 minutes each
- High school- untimed, approx. 45-60 minutes per part
- Two items per tested indicator at all levels
- Grade 4- 22 tested indicators assessed / 44 items total
- Grade 7- 30 tested indicators assessed / 60 items total
- High school under OTL is available in two parts: Physical Science and Life Science. Each part has 15 indicators/ 30 items total per part
- Link to list of accommodations allowed:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=420>
- All multiple choice questions

Testing Modes

- Paper and pencil available for general assessment
- Use of KCA is optional for general assessment
- KCA is required for KAMM. Paper and pencil is available for KAMM only as an accommodation.
- A Spanish version of the general assessment is available on KCA only

KAMM

- Administered annually to eligible students identified by their IEP Team.
- Grade 4 and 7- two 45-60 minute test sessions
- High school- one 45-60 minute session per part
- Two items per tested indicator at all levels
- Grade 4- 21 indicators assessed; total of 42 items
- Grade 7- 30 indicators assessed; total of 60 items
- High school-15 indicators assessed on each part with 30 items on the Physical Science and 30 items on the Life Science
- Link to KAMM assessment item specifications:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163>
- The sum of KAMM and Alternate students classified as “Meets Standards” or above at the district level must not exceed 3%

Alternate Assessment

- Administered annually to eligible students as identified by their IEP team in grades 4, 7, and high school
- Five indicators determined by the IEP team are assessed
- Only 1% of district students may be classified as “Meets Standards” or higher using an alternate assessment

QPA Targets

- TBA

Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and SOE

- Five performance levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, Academic Warning
- Performance Level Descriptors:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=163>
- Cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education: TBA
- Criteria for Standard of Excellence: TBA

Scores Reported

- Student performance levels
- Student percent correct
- KCA indicator reports for building, district, and state
- KCA and paper/pencil student results by standard

Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Open	Close
Spring Testing	4, 7	KCA P&P*	March 17	May 8
OTL	9-11	Fall KCA	Oct. 1	Jan. 23
OTL	9-11	Spring KCA	Feb. 18	May 18
OTL	9-11	P&P*	March 17	May 8
Alternate	4,7, HS	Online Extended Standards	Jan. 5	April 14

*P&P answer sheets due May 15

Alternate scores entered by May 1

ELL Students

- All ELL students must take the science assessment
- Recently arrived ELL students whose first education in the United States occurred after March 17, 2008, are not included in QPA calculations other than participation
- ELL students may use translation dictionaries

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