



KANSAS HISTORY-GOVERNMENT (H.G.) ASSESSMENT

FACT SHEET 2011 - 2012



General Information

The H.G. assessment is available for 2011-2012 school year:

- Assessed grades 6, 8, OTL in 10 and 12
- High school OTL is in two parts: World Focus and U.S. Focus
- see: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=420>
- Results used to calculate QPA, not AYP

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to assessed indicators, flip charts with item specifications:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=161>
- Link to KSDE History-Government web page:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=1715>

Assessment Format

- Grade 6: 24 indicators, 2 questions per indicator, one untimed session
- Grade 8: 30 indicators, 2 questions per indicator, one untimed session
- High school opportunity to learn (OTL) assessment is available in two parts: World Focus (includes world history, global economics, and world geography) & U.S. Focus (includes U.S. and Kansas history, civics-government, and U.S. related economics)
- High school: one untimed session per part, approximately 45 to 60 minute session
- Each part has 15 indicators, 2 questions per indicator for a maximum of 30 items per part
- All multiple choice questions
- Link to accommodations allowed:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372>

Testing Modes

The H.G. assessment is available for the 2011-2012 school year:

- KCA is the required mode for all assessment levels
- Paper and pencil is available for H.S., KAMM, OTL only as an accommodation

Kansas Alternate Assessment (KAA) and Kansas Assessment with Modified Measures (KAMM)

- Administered to students identified as eligible by their IEP Team.
- Available to students in Grades 6, 8, and High School OTL in 2011-2012
- The sum of KAMM and Alternate students classified as "Meets Standards" or above at the district level must not exceed 3%.
- Only 1% of district students may be classified as "Meets Standards" or higher using an alternate assessment.
- KAA <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384>
- KAMM <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2371>

Formative Assessment

- CETE – KCA TestBuilder
- <http://www.cete.us/news/2010-05-12/kca-testbuilder>

QPA Target

Grade 6	Grade 8	High School
70%	70%	68%

Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and Standard of Excellence

- Five levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, Academic Warning.
- Performance Level Descriptors:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=161>
- Cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education:
<http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=SqUGcvNjowE%3d&tabid=420&mid=5207>
- Criteria for Standard of Excellence:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2379>

Scores Reported

- Student performance levels
- Student percent correct
- Results by standard for student, building, district, and state.

Type	Grades	Modes	Opens	Closes
OTL-Fall	10 & 12	KCA	10/5	1/20
OTL –Spring	10	KCA	2/15	5/11
OTL –Spring	12	KCA	2/15	4/20
Spring Cohort	6 & 8	KCA	2/15	4/20
Alternate	6,8, OTL HS	Portfolio	12/31	4/20

Note: Districts have the flexibility to establish local testing windows for History-Government. All **spring** cohort testing (grade 12) in History-Government must be completed by April 20 (**this is a hard close, there will be no additional time allowed for make-ups.**) Spring OTL (10th graders in History-Government) must be completed by May 11th.

English Language Learners (ELLs)

- ELLs must take the state assessment and have the same QPA target as the general population.
- ELLs are considered 'recently arrived' if they have attended schools in the US for less than 12 months prior to opening of the test window (after 2/10/2012)
- Recently arrived students are included in QPA for participation only
- Recently arrived students may take KELPA in lieu of KCA Social Studies, one administration only. All ELLs take KELPA annually.
- Electronic translators and bilingual dictionaries allowed if regularly used for instruction.
- "ELLs and State Assessments" Fact Sheet:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2364>

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