

Table X

Testing Time Required (Minutes Per Students)

The information in Table X has been reordered in Table Xa to show a frequency distribution of testing times required by subject. States such as Hawaii that indicated a range of times are not included in the frequency distribution table, and States such as Delaware, that show a range of times by grade levels, are included but counted only once where times are duplicated for a frequency interval. Most of the indicated times are estimates.

The mid-point and spread of the distribution for each subject is easily seen in Table Xa. Time of testing seems to be about the same for reading, math, and language arts, probably because these subjects are included in batteries with each test in the battery taking approximately the same amount of time. For these subjects the mid-point of testing time is in the category of 50 to 59 minutes for math and language usage and 60 to 69 minutes for reading. There is greater variation in the time of writing tests administered, and in general the time devoted to testing in writing tests is greater than in each of the other three basic skills subjects. The shortness of the science and social studies test is more a reflection of the poor definition of the curricular requirements of these fields than an indication of the amount of time required to test student knowledge in these subjects. It is unlikely that information of much value can be secured on student knowledge of these fields in the small amounts of testing time being devoted to them.

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State	Reading	Math	Language Arts	Writing	Science	social Studies	Critical Thinking	Other/Notes
Alabama	4.5 grade : 60 10th grade: 30	4th , 5th 60 10th 30	4th , 5th 60 10th 30	N ,	4th ,5th 30 10th : 15	4th ,5th 30 10th : 15	N	
Alaska	60	60	N	N	N	N	N	
Arizona		Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	'Varies by grade level and specific test used; ranges from 2'15" h.s. to 4'4" elementary.
Arkansas			Y	N	N	N	N	"4-5 hours total time.
California	50minutes				N	2 Class periods	N	
Colorado - No state program								
Conneticut	60	60	60	art of L.A.	N	N	N	60 for all other tests.
Mastery program	120	90	30	40	Y	N	N	1985 program.
Delaware	Grd 1, 65 2 : 64 3 : 70 4 : 60 5-6, 60 7 -8 : 60 11, 60	Grd 1 : 34 2 : 44 3, 56 4 : i, d 5-6, 64 7-0 : 64 11, 64	Grd 1: 20 2: 46 3: 42 4: 47 5-6: 47 7-8: 47 11: 47	Grd. 9: . 2 45-rein. classes	Grd. 11: 40 min.	Grd. 11: 40 min.	N	Ref. skills Spelling Grd 2: 14 -0- 3: 13 -0- 4: 12 15 5-6: 12 15 7-8: 12 15 11: 12 15
D. c.	60 60	60 60	60 60	N	60 60	N	N	
Florida *	.	Combined with M.C. Note comments under M.c
Georgia	min.	135 min.		Did not know-- just piloting	N	N	N	
Hawii	125 min 130 ** 160 " 125 " 95	Gr. 2: 70 min 3 : 75 " 6 : 95 " 8: 95 " 10: 40 "	N	30	Gr.3: 20-21	Grd.3: 25	NA	Testing times for esthetics, P.E., health not available.
Idaho	40	40	40	N	40	40	N	he test is a speed est.
Illinois	1 hour	1/2 hour	N	1 1/2 hour	N	N	N	
	This varies from year-to-year and subject area-to-subject area (They cycle each year, etc.)							

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Indiana	7-1	44	N	50	N	N	N	
Iowa - No state program								
Kansas	70	70	N	N	N	N	N	
Kentucky	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Louisiana	120	120	N	120	N	N	N	
Maine	60	60	N	75	15	N	N	
Maryland	40	40	40	N	N	N	N	
Massachusetts No state program								
Michigan	80 Untimed	180 Untimed	N	60 timed	NA	NA	N	
Minsota	45	45	45	135	45	N	N	
Mississipip	80	80	80	N	N	N	N	
Missouri	75	75	N	N	N	N	N	
Montana - No state program								
Nebraska - No state program								
Nevada - No State program								
New Hampshire No state program								
New Jersey - No State program								
New Mexico •	50	50	50	N	Not required 50	Not required 50	N	Standard
New York	Y'	Y'	Y ¹	Y	Y ¹	Y ^L	Y ¹	Regents exams-- approximately 3 in length ,oth l 1/2 hours.

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North Carolina	Grd 1: 57 2: 59 3: 69 6: 45 9: 45	Grd 1: 44 2: 52 3: 55 6, 60 9: 60	Grd 1: 12 2: 32 3: 31 6: 38 9: 38	50	50	N	N	
North Dakota - No state program								
Ohio - No state program								
Oklahoma - NO state program								
Oregon	65	50	N	90	N	N	N	
Pennsylvania	•	•	•	•	•		•	Matrix sampling total package grades 5,8,11: 2-2 1/2 hours.
Rhode Island	45	45*	45*	N	N	N	N	• 45 minute Iowa Test time.
South Carolina	45*	45	45	45	45	45	N	*Standard CTBS test times.
South Dakota	30	45	95	N	30	30	N	
Tennessee - Not available for interview								
Texas - No state program								
Utah	50	50	50	N	N	N	50	
Vermont - No state program								
Virginia								*State uses SPA Test.
Washington	Grd 4&8: 45 1: 57	Grd 4&8: 60 1: 44	Grd. 4&8: 8 11: 11	N	N	N	N	

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West Virginia	50	50	50	N	50	50	N	
Wisconsin - Not available for interview								
Wyoming	60 min. for reading and writing combined	N	N	See reading column.	N	N	N	

Table Xa
 Frequency Distributions
 of Testing Time Required by Subject

	Reading	Math	Language Arts		Writing	Science	Social Studies	Critical Thinking
10-19						2	1	1
20-29			1	1				
30-39	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
40-49	5	1	7	1	6	1	2	3
50-59	4	8	1	4	1	2	1	1
60-69	10	5	1	4	1	1		
70-79	3	1	2			1		
80-89		1	1	1	1	1		
90-99	1	1	3	1	2	1	3	
100-109								
110-119								
120-129	1					1		
130-139	1					1		
140-149								
150-159								
160-169								
170-179								
180-189		2						