

Table VI

Testing Time Required (Minutes per Student)

There is little uniformity of practice from state to state in the amount of time devoted to minimum competency testing. In general, the time devoted to these tests is greater than that devoted to state assessment for the pupils involved. Tests of 90-minutes in length are not uncommon, and few require less than an hour to perform. Whereas state assessment tests normally devote more time to writing than to the other basic skills, minimum competency tests tend to devote more time to reading and mathematics. New York's writing test, North Carolina's reading and math tests, and Georgia's reading and math tests require the greatest amounts of student time.

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State		Math	Language Arts	Writing	Science	Social Studies	Critical Thinking	Other/Notes
Alabama	90	90	90	45	N	N	N	This is an average. May take longer at grade 11 and less time at grade 3.
Alaska - No stat program								
Arizona	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Up to each LEA; Information not available
Arkansas	Y	Y ¹	Y ¹	N	Y ¹	Y	N	¹ Tests are not timed; rec. give over 4 mornings for total test
California	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Locally done
Colorado	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Connecticut	60	60	30	40	N	N	N	
	VA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Does not apply
District of Columbia	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	60 - life skills
Florida	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	tests are untimed estimate 45 seconds per item; tests are not the same length for each grade, although there are approximately 250 items/grade level
Georgia	135	135	N	N	N	N	N	
Hawaii	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Comprehensive Graduation Test - 90 min Performance Testing - 150 min. Grade 3 - 150 min,
Ohio	701	90	90 ¹	120 ¹	N	N	N	Tests are power tests and are open-ended with recorded time constraints; figures are recorded testing times
Tennessee	Not	10						

SOURCE: Data Couplied for the office of Technology Assessment by Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory, 1985.

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Indiana - No program								
Iowa - No program								
Kansas	40	N	N	70	N	N	N	
Kentucky	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Louisiana	N	120	120	N	N	N	N	LanguageArts test covers reading, wr and other language
Maine - No program								
Marylands	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Test untimed; vari reatly
Masachusetts	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Depends on test elected; in Jener. 80 minutes total
Michigan - No program								
Minnesota - No program								
Mississippi	70 100-gr. 11	70 150-gr. 11	70	100-gr. 1	N	N	N	
Missouri	50	50	NA ¹	NA ¹	NA ¹	NA ¹	NA ¹	lot a timed test
Montana - No program								
Nebraska	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	sting time depend test chosen by L ate developed tes take between 2 minu d 30 minutes per kill." There are skills in the se 1 sections have n time limit.

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New Hampshire - a m								
New Jersey	90	90	N	N	N	N	N	
New Mexico	40	40	40	Y	40	40	N	Varies by LEA.
New York	90	90	N.	120-180	N	N	N	Other 5 areas total 90 minutes. Test times are averages. Test is not treed.
North Carolina	150	150	60	60	N	N	N	
North Dakota - No program								
	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Oregon	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	District determined.
Pennsylvania	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Not a timed test; at least 4 hours at each grade level for reading and math combined
Rhode Island - No prog ram								
South Carolina	90	90	N	90	N	N	N	
South Dakota - No program								
Tennessee	Not available	for	review					
Texas	60	55	N	55	N	N	N	
Utah	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	
vermont	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	

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Virginia	60	60	N	N	N	60 ¹	N	¹ 10th grade test 60 Other; No time limit, figures are estimated averages
Washington - No program								
West Virginia - No program yet in place; see Table VIII								
Wisconsin	Not available, see for interview							
Wyoming - No state data; district required to assess								

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<i>0-9</i>				
<i>10-19</i>				
<i>20-29</i>				
<i>30-39</i>			1	
<i>40-49</i> 2		1	1	1
<i>50-59</i> 1		2		1
<i>60-69</i> 3		2	1	2
<i>70-79</i> 4			1	1
<i>80-89</i>				
<i>90-99</i> 4		5	2	2
<i>100-109</i>		1		1
<i>110-119</i>				
<i>120-129</i>			1	1 2
<i>130-139</i>		1	1	
<i>140-149</i>				
<i>150-159</i>		1	2	