



KANSAS HISTORY-GOVERNMENT; ECONOMICS & GEOGRAPHY ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET 2007 - 2008



General Information

- Administered biennially in grades 6, 8, and high school beginning spring 2008.
- Will be available to be administered annually beginning 2007-2008 for districts who want to assess off year.
- High school assessment, for opportunity to learn, 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).
- For the 2007-2008 school year, both parts will be administered to all 11th graders. (11th grade will be used as cohort year and to establish cut scores). After 2007-2008, first semester seniors will be cohort group.
- Results are NOT used to calculate AYP.
- Results are used as a part of QPA beginning in 2007-2008. Next cohort year for QPA: 2009-2010.
- Link to test specifications and flip charts:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=161>
- Link to assessed standards, effective since the 2005-2006 school year:
<http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/Default.aspx?tabid=143>

Opportunity to Learn (OTL)

- Opportunity to learn without second opportunity to assess will be available in social studies for high school.
- Starting with the 2008 testing window, districts may take advantage of OTL for freshmen and sophomores.

Test Format

- Two or more forms.
- All multiple-choice questions.
- No multiple mark answers.
- Two items per indicator.
- Grade 6, maximum of 48 items
- Grade 8, maximum of 60 items
- H.S., maximum of 60 total items in combined two part assessment, or 30 items in each part.
- Accommodations allowed.
- *Proposed sessions: at elementary and middle –two 45 minutes sessions; at high school—one 45-60 minute session per part.*

Testing Window

- March 17th, 2008 – May 9th, 2008.

Scores Reported

- Due to setting cut scores reports will be delayed until fall 2008.
- In 2007-2008 11th grade will be used to establish cut scores and cohort group.
- Starting 2009-2010 social studies cohort group will be first semester of the 12th grade year.
- For high school OTL testing, scores on either part will be banked until both halves have been completed.

Computerized Assessments (KCA)

- All grade levels will be available online.
- Use of the KCA (online testing) will be optional.
- No score reports will be available until the summer of 2008.
- Beginning in 2009 score reports will be available as soon as students complete the assessment.

Sample/Formative Items

- Sample/formative items are available in flip charts:
<http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=16>
- Estimated date for formatives is December 2007.

Alternate Assessments

- Beginning in 2007-2008, Social Studies will be a part of the annual alternate assessment for students in grades 6, 8 and H.S.

KAMM

- There will be a KAMM assessment in 2007-2008 with only a multiple-choice section.
- Only 2% of the student population may be classified as “Meets Standards” or higher using the KAMM.

ELL Testing

- May be read to the ELL.
- Electronic translators and bilingual dictionaries allowed.
- Extended time and small-group setting are allowed.

Performance Levels

- Five levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, and Academic Warning.
- Cut scores for levels will be determined in summer 2008.

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