



KANSAS HISTORY-GOVERNMENT ASSESSMENT

FACT SHEET 2008 - 2009



General Information

- Assessed grades 6, 8 and two part high school with OTL
- High school OTL is available in two parts: World Focus and U.S. Focus
- Grades 6 & 8 not required for 2008-09 school year
- Results used to calculate QPA, not AYP

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to assessed indicators: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=161>
- Link to KSDE History-Government web page: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=143>
- Link to flip charts with item specifications: <http://www.ksbe.state.ks.us/Default.aspx?tabid=161>

Assessment Format

- Grades 6 and 8: two untimed sessions, approximately 45 to 60 minute test sessions
- High school: one untimed session, approximately 45 to 60 minute session per part
- Grade 6 has 24 indicators @ 2 questions per indicator for a maximum of 48 items on the test
- Grade 8 has 30 indicators @ 2 questions per indicator for a maximum of 60 items on the test
- High school opportunity to learn 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)
- 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=420>

Testing Modes

- KCA is required for H.S. OTL General Assessment
- KCA is required for H.S. OTL KAMM
- Paper and pencil is available for H.S., KAMM, OTL only as an accommodation

Kansas Assessment with Modified Measures (KAMM)

- Administered biennially to students identified as eligible by their IEP Team
- Grades 6 & 8: two 45 to 60 minute test sessions
- High school: one 45 to 60 minute session per part
- All grades assessed have one to two questions per indicator
- High school has twenty-seven indicators assessed for a maximum of 30 item of US Focus and 22 items on World Focus
- The sum of KAMM and Alternate students classified as "Meets Standards" or above at the district level must not exceed 3%
- Link to KAMM test specifications: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=161>

Alternate Assessment

- OTL Available to eligible students in HS
- 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

Formative Assessment

- CETE – KCA TestBuilder http://www.kca.cete.us/kca_testbuilder.htm

QPA Target

- To be determined Fall of 2008

Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and SOE

- Five levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, Academic Warning.
- Performance Level Descriptors: To be posted at a later date
- Cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education: To be announced
- Criteria for Standard of Excellence: To be announced

Scores Reported

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

KCA Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Opens	Closes
OTL –HS Fall	9-12	KCA	Oct. 1	Jan. 23
OTL –HS Spring	9-12	KCA	Feb. 18	May 18
Alternate	9-12	Extended Standards	Jan. 5	Apr. 14

Paper & pencil answer sheets due May 15
Alternate scores entered by May 1

ELL Students

- ELL students, grade 6 & 8 history-government not required for 2008-09 school year
- ELL, H.S., OTL students taking the history-government assessment may use translation dictionaries
- "Recently arrived status" for ELL H.S. OTL is not applicable for 2008-09 school year
- Spanish version is not available

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