

Use of “Nationally Recognized” Tests for Statewide Use

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Some scenarios for statewide use

1. State pays, testing during school, not used for school accountability or as the federally-mandated high school assessment
2. State pays, testing during school, used for school accountability, but not as the federally-mandated high school assessment
3. State pays, testing during school, used for school accountability and used as the federally-mandated high school assessment

High school assessment requirements

- Annually – English and Math once in grades 9-12; science once in grades 10-12
- Aligned with the State academic standards
- Same assessment must be given to all students in the state (except those taking the alternate assessment)
- Have adequate technical quality
- Disaggregated results
- Participation rate of 95%
- Reviewed through USED Peer Review process

Considerations

- Any assessment selection had tradeoffs
- Must be not only standards based, but also aligned with state standards
- This is a state decision, but assessments will need to pass USED Peer Review
- At high school in particular, states have made many different choices: PARCC, Smarter, state-developed, ACT, ACT Aspire, SAT