KANSAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT
FACT SHEET 2012 – 2013

General Information

- Grades 4, 7, and two part high school with OTL
- High school students tested in both parts by the end of 11th grade year
- Annually tested
- Results used for Annual Measurable Objectives

Standards and Supporting Materials

- Link to KSDE Science Standards web page: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4697
- Science tested indicators, flip charts and item specifications http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4697 (scroll down)

Assessment Format

- Grades 4 and 7- two untimed sessions, approx.45-60 minutes each
- Grade 4- 22 tested indicators assessed / 44 items total
- Grade 7- 30 tested indicators assessed / 60 items total
- High school- untimed, approx. 45-60 minutes per part
- High school is available in two parts: Physical Science and Life Science. Each part has 15 indicators and 30 items
- Two items per tested indicator at all levels
- All multiple choice questions
- Link to list of accommodations allowed: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2372

Testing Modes

- Kansas Computerized Assessment (KCA) is the mode for all assessments.
- Paper and pencil is available only as an accommodation.
- Spanish versions are available. Use only if instruction of content has been in Spanish.

Kansas Alternate Assessment (KAA) and Kansas Assessment with Modified Measures (KAMM)

- Administered annually to eligible students identified by their IEP Team.
- Only 1% of district students may be classified as "Meets Standards" or higher using an Alternate assessment
- The sum of KAMM and Alternate students classified as "Meets Standards" or above at the district level must not exceed 3%
- KAMM information and assessment item specifications: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2371
- Alternate Assessment information: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384

Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)

- 4th Grade 73
- 7th Grade 71
- High School 69

Performance Levels, Cut Scores, and Standard of Excellence

- Five performance levels: Exemplary, Exceeds Standards, Meets Standards, Approaches Standards, Academic Warning
- Performance Level Descriptors: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4697 (scroll down)
- Cut scores as approved by the State Board of Education: http://www.ksde.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=SqUGcvNjowE%3d&tabid=420&mid=5207
- Criteria for Standard of Excellence: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2379

Scores Reported

- Student performance levels
- Student percent correct
- Results by standard for student, building, district, and state.

Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Open	Close
OTL-Fall	9-11	KCA	Oct. 3	Jan. 18
OTL-Spring	9-10	KCA	February 13	May 10
OTL-Cohort	11	KCA	February 13	May 3
Spring Cohort	4 & 7	KCA	February 13	May 3
Alternate	4,7, HS	Portfolio	Dec. 31	April 26

- The General and KAMM test windows are the same.
- Alternate scored by May 3, 20120 and entered by May 10, 2012.

Note: Districts have the flexibility to establish local testing windows. All spring cohort testing must be completed by May 3rd, no exceptions. Spring OTL (9th and 10th graders) must be completed by May 10th. See the 2012 Examiner's Manual for more details.

English Learners (ELs)

- ELs must take the state assessment and have the same QPA target as the general population.
- ELs are considered '**recently arrived'** if they have attended schools in the US for less than 12 months prior to opening of the test window (after 2-13-12)
- Recently arrived students are included in QPA for participation only.
- Spanish versions are available. Use only if instruction of content has been in Spanish.
- Electronic translators and bilingual dictionaries allowed if regularly used in instruction.
- "ELs and State Assessments" Fact Sheet: http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2364

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