



# KANSAS SCIENCE ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET 2013 – 2014



## General Information

- Grades 4, 7, and two part high school with OTL
- High school students tested in both parts by the end of 11<sup>th</sup> grade year
- Annually tested
- Results used for Annual Measurable Objectives
- Based on 2007 Kansas Science Education Standards

## 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

## Testing Modes

- Kansas Interactive Testing Engine (KITE) 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 the Alternate assessment
- There is no KAMM assessment. Students who would have taken the KAMM should take the general assessment.
- Alternate Assessment information: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2384>

## Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 73
- 7<sup>th</sup> 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=hkkVFN8rjll%3D&tabid=1694&mid=6540>

## Scores Reported

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

## Testing Window

Type	Grades	Modes	Open	Close
General	4, 7 & 11	KITE	March 10	May 2
Alternate	4,7, & 11	Portfolio	Dec. 31	April 25

- Alternate scored by May 2, 2013 and entered by May 9, 2013.

Note: Districts have the flexibility to establish local testing windows. All cohort testing must be completed by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, no exceptions. See the 2013 Examiner’s Manual for more details.

## English Language Learners (ELLs)

- ELLs must take the state assessment and have the same target as the general population.
- ELLs are considered ‘recently arrived’ if they have attended schools in the US for less than 12 months prior to opening of the test window (began attending after 3-10-13)
- Recently arrived students are included 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.
- “ELLs and State Assessments” Fact Sheet: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=2364>

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