

## SAMPLE TEST QUESTIONS

Sample questions are available at <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/WKCE>. These questions are similar to actual test questions that may be asked on the WKCE. WKCE test questions are not released.

## WISCONSIN MODEL ACADEMIC STANDARDS

Academic standards specify what students should know and be able to do. They include content, performance, and proficiency standards.

Information on the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards can be accessed at <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/WKCE>.

The assessment frameworks provide more specific information on the knowledge and skills that will be tested in the Science and Social Studies sections of the WKCE at each grade level. This information can be accessed at <http://oea.dpi.wi.gov/assessment/WKCE>.



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# WISCONSIN KNOWLEDGE AND CONCEPTS EXAMINATION

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Pre-Test Information  
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## A NOTE TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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### **What is the Wisconsin Student Assessment System (WSAS)?**

The Wisconsin Student Assessment System is a comprehensive statewide program designed to provide information about what students know in core academic areas and whether they can apply what they know. The WSAS includes the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE), the Wisconsin Alternate Assessment for Students with Disabilities (WAA-SwD) at grades 4, 8, and 10 in Science and Social Studies, Smarter Balanced Assessment (Smarter) at grades 3–8, Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) at grades 3–11 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, and The ACT at grade 11 for ELA and Mathematics.

### **What is the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination?**

This standardized test includes questions customized specifically for Wisconsin and some commercially developed questions used in schools across the country. The WKCE measures achievement in Science and Social Studies, using multiple-choice questions.

### **How are the test results used?**

The WKCE test results provide parents with information about student achievement. To obtain a more complete picture, daily classwork, other test results, homework, and other learning activities should be considered.

Please talk to teachers and counselors about how the WKCE information can be used together with school and classroom information to help your child meet his or her educational goals. School district staff use test results to improve educational programs.

WKCE results are also used by the Department of Public Instruction to:

- meet its statutory requirement of identifying low-performing schools as stipulated by s. 115.38(4), Wisconsin Statutes;
- meet the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requirement of using high-quality assessments to determine how well students are learning;
- meet the federal Title I (ESEA) requirement to determine adequate progress in Title I schools; and
- determine the extent to which schools and districts across the state meet the Wisconsin proficiency standards.

### **What type of scores will be provided?**

The WKCE provides information about what students know and can do in relation to the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. Students receive scores based on their performance.

- **Advanced** — Demonstrates in-depth understanding of academic knowledge and skills tested on WKCE for that grade level.
- **Proficient** — Demonstrates competency in the academic knowledge and skills tested on WKCE for that grade level.

- **Basic** — Demonstrates some academic knowledge and skills tested on WKCE for that grade level.
- **Minimal Performance** — Demonstrates very limited academic knowledge and skills tested on WKCE for that grade level.

### **When does WKCE testing take place?**

WKCE testing for the fall 2014 administration takes place between October 27 and November 7, 2014. The total time required for the administration of the tests varies by grade and ranges from 1½ to 2 hours. Testing may be spread out over several days. Schools set their own testing schedules. If a student is absent during testing, it is important that a makeup opportunity be scheduled.

### **How to prepare your child for the WKCE**

Make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. Avoid any disruptions in your child's daily routines during testing days.

### **Review of the WKCE**

Sample copies of each grade-level WKCE test will be made available for review under secure conditions in each CESA upon completion of the testing window.