April 6, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: City and County Superintendents of Education

FROM: Sherrill W. Parrish
Senior Deputy State Superintendent of Education

RE: Testing Dates for 2016-2017

The dates for the 2016-2017 statewide assessment program have been finalized and are being provided for your convenience in scheduling tests. Please note the following changes and reminders:

1. ACT, Inc., will allow each district to select an initial test date and a make-up test date from the three (3) options in the chart below. Districts selecting the early March 21 date as their initial test date will decide during fall establishment whether to make up tests on April 19 or May 3; they will not be allowed two make-up dates. The make-up date for districts choosing April 19 as their initial test date will be May 3, 2017.

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2. Again in spring 2017, schools may choose the traditional paper format or the online format for the ACT with Writing. A window is allowed for online testing. Since a different form of the test is administered each day, schools may choose to test on more than one date during the online window of April 19–May 3, 2017. A student must complete the test in one day.

3. The accommodations window for ACT with Writing is April 19–May 3, 2017. ACT, Inc., must approve all accommodations on the ACT with Writing.

4. ACT Aspire reading and mathematics are required for students in Grades 3-8. For students in Grades 5 and 7, ACT Aspire science is also required. Although science (excluding Grades 5 and 7), English, and writing are optional, supplemental scores such as STEM, English Language Arts, and Progress Toward Career Readiness require the administration of all subject tests. Students in Grade 10 must take all five parts of the ACT Aspire. Schools may administer all subject tests of the ACT Aspire in one session, or they may administer the subject tests in separate sessions at any time during the test window. The tests are available in paper or online format.

5. In order to maintain secure handling and shipping of test materials, as well as to ensure accurate and timely reporting of assessment results, all paper assessments must be administered within the first three weeks of the test window (April 3–21, 2017). Online testing will be allowed from April 3–May 12, 2017.

Please review the 2016-2017 Testing Dates. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Rebecca W. Mims, Student Assessment Section, at (334) 242-8038.

SWP/RWM

Attachment
cc: City and County System Test Coordinators
FY15-2056
### 2016-2017 TESTING DATES

**Tests** | **Testing Dates**
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ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments (Block Schedule)\(^1\) | December 1, 2016 – End of First Term
ACT WorkKeys Online Testing\(^2\) | December 1, 2016 – February 28, 2017
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing\(^3\) | February 7, 2017
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing - Make-Up | February 21, 2017
ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing with Accommodations\(^4\) | February 7 – February 21, 2017
NAEP (Select Schools and Grades Only) | TBD by NAEP
ACCESS 2.0 | February 6 – April 7, 2017
Alternate ACCESS for ELLs | February 6 – April 7, 2017
ACT Aspire Paper Testing (Grades 3-8 and 10)\(^5\) | April 3 – April 21, 2017
ACT Aspire Online Testing (Grades 3-8 and 10)\(^6\) | April 3 – May 12, 2017
ACT with Writing – Pre-Test Session\(^6\) | Prior to Test Date
ACT with Writing Paper Testing Option 1\(^7\) | March 21, 2017
ACT with Writing Paper Testing Option 2\(^7\) | April 19, 2017
ACT with Writing Paper Testing with Accommodations\(^8\) | April 19 – May 3, 2017
ACT with Writing Online Format\(^9\) | April 19 – May 3, 2017
ACT with Writing Paper Testing - Make-up Option 1\(^7\) | April 19, 2017
ACT with Writing Paper Testing - Make-up Option 2\(^7\) | May 3, 2017
Alabama Alternate Assessment (AAA) Online Collection\(^10\) | May 7, 2017 (Submission Deadline)
ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments\(^1\) | Within Last 4 Weeks of Term

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\(^1\)ACT QualityCore End-of-Course Assessments English 9 or 10 and Algebra I are optional. Each test is composed of two 45-minute sessions. These sessions may be completed in one day or on two separate days. Students tested with these assessments for credit advancement may NOT test during the state window.

\(^2\)With ACT WorkKeys Online Testing, the three subtests may be administered in one session or in three separate sessions.

\(^3\)The pre-test sessions of the ACT WorkKeys Paper Testing must be completed prior to the administration of the test; this session may be conducted on the morning of the test or on a separate day. Timed testing must begin no later than 9 a.m.

\(^4\)Accommodations for ACT WorkKeys are determined by the IEP Team or 504 Committee.

\(^5\)Schools may administer all subject tests of the ACT Aspire in one session or they may administer the subject tests in separate sessions at any time during the testing window.

\(^6\)The pre-test sessions of the ACT with Writing must be completed on a SEPARATE day PRIOR to the administration of the test. Although the pre-test session may be administered at any time on a day prior to the test administration, timed testing for the ACT with Writing must begin no later than 9 a.m. This is true for both Paper and Online Testing.

\(^7\)In 2016-2017, a district may choose one of two options for the initial test date for ACT with Writing Paper Testing. Please note that districts that choose Option 1 of March 21 as the initial test date must select only one make-up date—April 19 or May 3—from the two options. Districts that choose Option 2 of April 19 for the initial test date must select May 3 for their make-up test date.

\(^8\)ACT must approve all accommodations on the ACT with Writing. Documentation must be submitted directly to ACT.

\(^9\)A window is allowed for the ACT with Writing Online Testing. Since a different form of the test is given each day, schools may choose to test on more than one date during the online window. A student must complete the test in one day.

\(^10\)All evidence for the AAA, which is collected and posted throughout the school year, must be submitted online by 5 p.m. May 7, 2017.

Dates Are Subject to Change