Table 2. Characteristics of State Competency Testing Programs

State	Testing Program	Subject Areas	Grade Level	Grad. / Promote / Retest?	Type of Test	Item Type	Calc. Use	Performance Levels (#)
AL	Basic Competency Test	LA, M, R	9	Y / N / N	CRT	MC	N	2-Pass; Fail
AL	Exit Exam	LA, M, R	11, 12	Y / N / Y	CRT	MC	N	2-Pass; Fail
FL	H.S. Competency Test	CO, M	12	Y / N / Y	CRT	MC	Y	?
GA	GA H.S. Graduation Tests	LA, M, S, SS, W	11 > 12	Y / N /Y	CRT, WP	MC, SA, EA	Y	2-Pass; Fail
HI	Test of Essential Competencies	Basic Skills	10 > 11 > 12	Y / N / Y	CRT	MC	N	2-Pass; Fail
LA	Criterion - Referenced Test	LA, M	3, 5, 7	N / Y / N	CRT	MC	N	2-Pass; Fail
LA	LA Graduation Exit Examination	LA, M, S,SS, W	10 > 11	Y / Y / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER	N	2-Pass; Fail
MD	MD Functional Testing Program	CI, R, W	7>8 >9 > 10>11>12	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER	N	3 - Excellent; Satisfactory; Fail
MS	Functional Literacy Examination	M, R, W-CO	11	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER, ESW	N	3 - Max. Acceptable, Min. Acceptable, Not Acceptable
NC	Competency Testing	LA, M, R	8, 10	Y / N / Y	CRT, NRT	MC	Y	2-Pass; Fail
NJ	Early Warning Test	M, R, W	8	N / N / N	CRT, WP	MC, SA, ER	Y	2-Pass; Fail
NJ	Grade 11 H.S. Proficiency Test	M, R, W	11 > 12	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, SA, ER	Y	3 - Clearly Competent; Min. Comp; Not Comp.
NM	NM H.S. Competency Examination Program	LA, M, R, S, SS, W	10 > 11 > 12	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP, PA	MC, MC-SE, SA, ER	Y	2-Pass; Fail
NV	H.S. Proficiency Exam. Program	M, R, W	11 > 12	Y / N / Y	NRT, WP	MC, ER	N	2-Pass; Fail
NY	Preliminary Competency Test	R, W	8 , 9	N / N / N	CRT, WP	FB/C, ER	N	2 - Below stds.; meets stds.
NY	Regents Competency Tests	M, R, S, SS, W	9-M&S, 10-SS, 11-R,W, SS	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, FB/C, ER	N	2 - Below stds.; meets stds.

Note: This table is a summary of information presented in the 1996 Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Annual Survey of State Student Assessment Programs. The information in this table was compiled from the following parts of the report: Part 3.02, pp. 119-130; Part 3.10, pp. 159-162; Part 3.11, pp. 163-167; Part 3.12, pp. 169-170; Part 3.13, pp. 171-175; Part 3.14A, pp. 176-180; Part 316, pp. 186-188; Part 3.20, pp. 200-204; Part 3.21, pp. 205-207.

Table 2. Characteristics of State Competency Testing Programs (continued)

State	Testing Program	Subject Areas	Grade Level	HS Grad. / Promote / Retest	Type of Test	Item Type	Calc. Use	Performance Levels (#)
OH	Ninth-Grade Proficiency Testing	CI, M, R, S, W	8> 9> 10> 11> 12	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER	N	2-Pass; Fail
OH	Twelfth-Grade Proficiency Testing	CI, M, R, S, W	12	N / N / N	CRT, WP	MC	Y	3 - Below Proficient; Proficient; Honors
OK	Criterion-Referenced Tests	M, R, S, W	5 > 6; 8 > 9; 11>12	N / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER	N	2- Satisfactory; Unsatisfactory
SC	Basic Skills Assessment Program	M, R, S, W	3, 6, 8, 10, 11	Y / Y / N	CRT, WP	MC, ESW	N	2-Pass; Fail
TN	TCAP Competency Test	LA, M	9	Y / N / Y	CRT	MC	N	2-Pass; Fail
TX	TX Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS)	M, R, S, SS, W	R&M-3-8, 10-12; W- 4, 8, 10 >11 >12; S&SS-8	Y / N / Y	CRT, WP	MC, ER	Y	3- Below Min. Expectations; Min. Expectations; Academic Recognition
UT	Core Assessment CRT Program	M, R, S	1-6, 7	N / N / N	CRT	MC	N	?
VA	Literacy Passport Test	M, R, W	6>7>8>9 >10 >11> 12	Y / Y / Y	CRT, WP	MC, FB/C, ESW	N	2-Pass; Fail

Subject Areas: LA = Language Arts; M = Mathematics; R = Reading; S = Science; SS = Social Studies; CI = Citizenship; CO = Communication; W = Writing.

Grade Level: A ">" sign indicates that students usually take the test in the first grade listed and those that do not pass apparently retake the exam in the subsequent grade(s) listed. A "-" sign indicates that all students in all grade levels between the two listed (e.g., 1-6) take the exams.

Required for HS Graduation, Promotion, and are Retests permitted: Y = Yes; N = No.

Type of Test: CRT = Criterion-Referenced Test; NRT = Norm-Referenced Test; WP = Writing Prompt; PA = Performance Assessment.

Item Type: MC = Multiple Choice, MC-SE = Multiple Choice with Student Explanation, FB/C = Fill-in the Blank or Cloze, SA = Short Answer, ER = Extended Response, ESW = Examples of Student Work.

Calculator Use (Was a calculator permitted on mathematics test?)**:** Y = Yes; N = No.