

WHAT IS CHANGING?

The College- and Career-Ready Science Content Assessment will be administered in the 11th grade with 50% of the items from life science and 50% from the physical sciences (physics, chemistry and physical science).

WHY IS IT CHANGING?

- To meet the new graduation requirement that all students take a physical science course before graduation.
- To reflect the Oklahoma college requirement for content in the physical and life sciences for non-science majors.
- To better prepare students for STEM-related fields and careers. This is essential if students are going to be prepared to meet the demands of our evolving workforce.
- To provide a balanced science education for Oklahoma students.
- To increase success on the SAT, ACT and NAEP exams, which are nationally recognized benchmarks that predict success in both careers and college.
- To encourage districts to broaden course offerings.
- To allow students flexibility to take science classes that meet their individual needs.

Students who took the Biology EOI prior to their sophomore year were exempt from the spring 2017 10th grade science assessment that covered the new, comprehensive Oklahoma Academic Standards for science. As a result, only 61% of 10th grade students were assessed last spring. That low participation, coupled with more complex new assessments aligned with national benchmarks, resulted in the low numbers of students scoring proficient and above for 2016-17.

WHO IS IMPACTED?

- The CCR Science Content Assessment will be given in **11th grade**. **This is in addition to the CCR Assessment (SAT, ACT) individual districts choose.**
- All 11th-grade students will be assessed, even if they have already taken a science assessment to meet new federal ESSA requirements.

WHAT IS THE TIMELINE?

Sept. 2017	June-Oct. 2017	April 2018	Summer 2018	April 2019	Summer 2019
Revise test and item specifications	Develop physical science items	Field test 2017-2018	Data review (OSDE only)	Operational test 2018-2019	Standards set for the test